CHAPTER XXV.

I was walking down the High Street one day looking in at the shop windows, rather than about me, when, for some reason or other, I threw my eyes across the road, and saw an ecclesiastic than the Very Reverend the Dean of Southwick, and my eyes met those of the two.

I made a bow which was most unmisakably directed to the Dean of Salchester alone, and intended to exclude his companion, and then quickening my pace walked into the very first shop which gave me a chance of retreat, and which, providrapers.

Here I made several small purchases, loitering over them until I could see that the coast was perfectly clear, and then I sallied out, and, as quickly as I could, view, and probably would. hurried home.

What was I to do? I did not want to leave Salchester if I could possibly help it. The to you. But I cannot help thinking, you Meadowsweet trouble if I may so term it, was most probably doomed to a natural death as soon as it was seen that Mr. lose you, and I may say the same most Meadowsweet and myself continued friends unreservedly for my wife. But you will, waiting for me, and I very quickly found in earnest and not in seeming merely. But my father would be certain, out of mere malice, to tell the story from his own position of the greatest difficulty and too late that night to go to the play. ments, to the Dean and to everybody else.

He would prefer them to the cruelly misleading reports in the papers, of which I felt certain that his vanity had prompted him to make an album, if only for the value of the sentence in which the reporters represent them. And once again I could described the manifest emotion and positive | not help thinking of my father, and reflectanguish with which he had given his evi. | ing how meanly and shabbily he had bedence. And, when I came to recollect it what tory, but in this last miserable incident in ponding pros and cons, I decided upon distinct triumph among the men, while givhad been, and how craftily framed to discredit me to the utmost possible extent.

This much I might take for granted. Then came the question what would follow, refuge. and here I was fairly puzzled.

For the world, as an old proverb runs, is divided into men, women, and priests, and if the two first are apt at times to puzzle | right, and I promise you, although of course | be recognized. you, you can certainly say of ecclesiastics | I am in no way bound to do so, that I will | England was my better chance, though as a class, that it is utterly impossible ever to tell how they will act under any given be very sorry to go, and still more sorry to nel Islands, where, so long as you pay your set of circumstances, or even whether they lose several among you whom I have already | bills once a week with regularity, nobody will act at all.

So I went back to my lodgings in a most unpleasant state of uncertainty. I was no going to allow myself to be distressed at the me. matter, let it turn out how it might; but it would be a dist not affectation to pretend for a moment that I was not very bitterly annoved.

Early next morning, while I was still wondering what might happen, I was, cannot but confess, astonished to be told that the Dean himself-not the Dean of Southwick, but the Dean of Salchester itself -would be glad to see me if I were disenbe delighted to see him, and in he came.

I have hitherto omitted to describe Dr. taken a high University degree, and had to say." for some years acted as a Fellow and Tutor of his College. In this capacity he had than I did? I told him the whole story without being markedly heterodox or militantly orthodox, had yet given rise to con- justice, as I always have done and always siderable discussion of a character entirely shall do in my own mind, to the highly favorable to their author.

After this he had been invited to preach | my husband had acted throughout. what I believe are termed show sermons to of Paul, are always seeking after something his foibles; a man to be admired. nounced him to be, in these days of doubt | rest. and difficulty, perhaps the very best man that could have been selected for the precise piece of preferment in question, and interesting parallel between him and Cyril shall be as soon as possible forgotten." of Alexandria, and Tillotson, and Keble, and a dozen or so of other eminent ecclesi-

Personally, fortune had favored Dr. Proneighborhood.

nothing in particular, the Dean told me, as I had expected, that he came to speak painful and difficult subject.

taken the perhaps unusual course of calling | regards. alone, because I wish, if you desire it, that what passes between us should be known | heavy heart sent back a message of thanks. | My exercise beyond the bungalow garden to no one but ourselves, unless you think By noon next day I had completed all my was a daily drive. If I wanted a walk I fit to make it public on your own ac-

that you have to say."

seeing you here, and from whom I gath - through the necessary formalities. under mistaken advice, had been led to sincere and, in spite of herself, demonstra- chester.

assume with the view of concealing your past history.

"Under such circumstances I could have had but one opinion if you had in any way truth. But it would be most unfair to suggest for a moment that you have atapproaching me on the other side of the tempted to do so. I have heard, more way the Very Reverend the Dean of than once, that you have always spoken of Salchester accompained by no less or other your past life as having been sad and sorrowful and have begged to be excused from making any reference to it. This shows an honorable intention on your part, but if there has been no suggestio falsi, there has certainly been a suppressio veri, which

very nearly approaches to it. "You have, for instance, (not that I put the point as influencing my own judgment, but as one which might very well present itself most untavorably to the judgment of others), allowed yourself to publicly partake of the most sacred ordinances of the dentially, was a mitliner's and ladies' Church. That you should have done so is entirely matter for your own conscience. I do not presume to question your conduct, or to impute to you for a moment any unworthy motive. But other ministers of the Church might very well take a different

"I am sure you will acquit me," he sion. went on, "of any desire to judge harshly of your conduct, or to in any way dictate will upon reflection agree with myself, and then suburbs, and at last drew up in that it is advisable that you should leave that busy focus of life, the Great Western Salchester. Personally, I shall be sorry to Terminus at Paddington. I cannot but feel, see that by stopping myself again within the hospitable portals superstitious farcy for it. Chapter, together with their families, in a for supper, and a little annoyed that it was point of view, and with his own embellish- embarrassment; and this, as a mere matter I hadly missed my little maid, but there anything like my taste. And men have an to everybody, and would greatly strengthen of good feeling, if not indeed of positive was my supper at any rate, and there are instinct over taste in a woman's dress exactly the President. Admittedly the Senate is personal sacrifice to avoid."

> doubt, after all, whether clergymen are by | ing before I rang for my chocolate. any means so bigoted as it is the custom to haved, not only all through his pitiful his-

Had there been a spark of manhood in his soul he would have bitten off his tongue chess-player who apparently has all the sooner than have used it of deliberate mal- board open to him, while in reality every

frankly in the face, "and I am very grate- rather than the risk, that my husband ful to you for the interest you have evinced | would be perfectly well known by reputain me. I think, upon the whole, you are tion at any rate, and that I myself should leave Salchester as soon as I can possibly even in England there were difficulties. make the necessary arrangements. I shall At one time I almost thought of the Chanlearned to consider as my friends; but I al- cares who you are, what you are, or what most agree with you that whether up to now | may be your destination, either in this I have been acting rightly or wrongly, there | world or the next. But the Channel Islands, is now, at any rate, but one course open to except for a very few weeks in each year, this he wanted an index of the Scriptures,

"Believe me, it is so," he answered.

"Obviously I shall keep my own counsel," certainly less enjoyable. I continued, "as to the causes of my departure; and in return for this promise, I have as I have said, pitched upon Easthampton, the alphabet. In this way the first concordone favor to ask of you, and that is to let of which I could say, with even more truth me now, and here, shortly tell you the true | than the Tichborne Claimant said of Wapstory of my marriage, and of my divorce, ping, that I had never been there in my and to form your own opir in a it as to my father's share in the events it contains."

"You have a clear right to ask that of gaged. I, of course, replied that I should me," he answered, but with an air of evident relief at seeing the business end as he had wished. "It is my duty, under the Propert, and I may rerhaps conveniently do circumstances, to hear and to thoroughly so at this point. Unlike my father, he had consider and test anything you may have

Would any woman have done otherwise preached several University sermons, which | from beginning to end, leaving out nothing that told against me, and carefully doing honorable and dignified manner in which its earliest stages, and was an absolute spe-

I spoke of him without a word of bitterfashionable and critical London congrega- ness. I spoke of him in fact as I had tions, who, like the Athenians in the days always found him-honorable, and, but for by a certain most exalted personage, my father I also told the truth, without through whose personal influence he had | concealing any portion of it, and carefully been elevated to the Deanery of Salchester, avoiding anything that might be construed with the entire concurrence not only of the into vindictiveness. And I then added, fashionable world, but of Printing House | what of course he knew, that I had come to Square, the inspired voice of which pro ! Satchester solely to hide myself and to

and offering my hand, "I must seek rest

but by very little, and now that I am recal- together again, pray remember that we means. ling these details, I may as well add that | consider you our friend, and hold you in the | Accordingly I took Sea View Bungalow he had a faultless seat in the saddle, and in list of our triends. I am sure you are right so-called, I suppose because it had no veranda, many other respects contrasted more than in going, and were I you, I should not a second floor, and a set of garrets over that

I saw the messenger myself, and with a knew their "Debrett." arrangements, paid all my bills, disposed drove a mile out up into the country, disof my pony and carriage, and taken an af- missed my carriage with intructions to the "I shall certainly respect your confi- fectionate farewell of my little maid, whose coachman to meet me again, and took my dence," I answered, "whatever it may be sorrow at having to leave me was only walk by myself among the lanes.

tive. She was a nice bright girl, and I hope she has married or will marry a good hus-

should be at the station to see me off. He he also was armed with some hot-house misled us by any positive and direct un. Howers which I knew must have come down from London, and with a copy of the Christian Year.

He saw me into my carriage, remained talking to me at the door, did not finally shake hands until the train had begun to move, and then stood watching it from the platform until it turned a curve before reaching the bridge over the river, and so hid him from sight.

I put the flowers by and opened the book Right across the title-page he had written in his own bold, clear hand, " Lady Craven, from Sebastian Meadowsweet, with every hearty good wish."

He at any rate was not ashamed that so far as I was concerned, all the world should know we had been the closest of

friends and possibly even more. I do not mind confessing that I kissed the volume and put it tenderly by in my travelling bag before turning to a yellow covered ecclesiastical novel of Trollope's which I had purchased at the bookstall as being more or less appropriate to the occa. fully and went.

So the train-it was the express-tore on through the pleasant country until we began to reach canals, and then brick-fields.

A brougham, for which I had written, was here you will place many members of the of Rawlings', tired with my journey, ready

duty, you ought to do your best at any worse things after a long journey than a good English mutton cutlet and a glass of It is refreshing to meet a gentleman, champagne. My sleep that night was sound even of brands. even though he may be bigoted. And I and it was past ten o'clock the next mcrn-

CHAPTER XXVI.

Easthampton as my future abode.

I was very much in the position of a as possible. ice to drive me out of my little harbor of square is hopelessly blocked. There are plenty of foreign watering places but in "You are very kind," I said, looking him every one of them there was the certainty,

are practically as remote from civilization and to forward his work he set a great as the South Sea Archipelago itself, and far

So I gave the preference to England, and, life, but had heard that it was a very respectable place.

Easthampton is on the South Coast, somewhere between the Solent on the east, and Plymouth on the west. It was originally a fishing village, and that too, not so many years ago. A London physician liked the air and built himself a Swiss chalet there. Little by little he began to buy up the land "as an ox licketh up the grass of the field." Then he built one or two pleasant villas, which he let, on distinctly advantageous terms, to brother medical men. It was then discovered for the first time that the air of cific for all infantile diseases.

place; but he would only allow one public- | the close of that century. house, and sternly refused so much as a any denomination whatever.

and a landing place for yachts.

started not a pony-basket, but a respectable division of the books into chapters from the course of three or four months. He shook hands very cordially and took | victoria, with a strong sedate cob. I took | Christians, in like manner the Christians to me as a matter of duty, upon a very his leave, and some two hours afterwards three seats in the parish church, and sub- borrowed that of dividing the chapters into his gardener brought round a lovely bouquet | scribed liberally to all the charities; but | verses from the Jews. I had guessed as much, and I told him of flowers, attached to which was Mrs. carefully avoided acquaintance of the min-Propert's card, and the intimation in her listers of the altar, who, with their wives "That is why," he continued, I have autograph that they came with her kindest and daughters, knew their "Crockford" as gogues every Sabbath day has none of these | cers. That Canada can do the former well as the members of the Irish peerage distinctions; that is, is not divided into an American of considerable experience

equalled by her astonishment at the unex- It was a dull life and yet a very pleasant "You are very kind," he replied "and pected present of a Post Office savings bank one. I had my dowers. I took to breeding I think you will be acting prudently. Of deposit book, assuring her of the fact that canaries, and I had a regular supply of course you saw me yesterday with your five pounds stood to her credit. I took her books from London through the railway father, who was somewhat surprised at round to the Post Office myself, and went bookstall. I thus had enough to do; and if I am told that my days must have hung bearing a strong family resemblance to the the ninties and the dust a foot deep, when ered with astonishment, and I must also The poor child was fairly amazed, but I heavily on my hands, I can only answer sorrowing child, tarried in another part of thousands of men fell out by the road-side. admit not without a considerable amount am sure that the present had nothing that I was busy and happy as compared the tent and stared at the giraffe eating many of them never to march again, of pa'n, that you had been stopping amongst | whatever to do with her manifestations of | with what I had been either at Ossulston, hay. us under a name, which you possibly acting regret at my departure, which were very or in St. James's Square, or even at Sal-

I dwell upon all this, because I might otherwise seem to be hurrying my story. But for the present, at any rate, I am in I had written to Mr. Meadowsweet a re- an uneventful part of it. Had I kept a quest which he could hardly refuse, that he diary it would have been a blank for day after day, little better or more significant was there as boldly and as regardlessly of | than the wooden cross of Robinson Crusoe, possible Salchester opinion as need be. And with its six consecutive short notches regularly followed by a deep one.

At last, however, the time came. The barracks were finished, and the cavalry, a regiment of Dragoons, and the infantry, a battalion from a double battlion Line regiment, came down to their new quarters, filling the whole place with animation and

As soon as they had settled down comfortably, it began to be known that the Queen's Musketeer's intended giving a ball and inviting all the residents who were what might be officially described as upon the local Court Directory. I need not say that Mrs. Gascoigne-that is to say, myself-was among the number of those who received a card of invitation.

I hesitated for some time. Then I decided to accept but not to go, and to plead a sick headache as an excuse, if I should ever hereatter be asked my reason for staying away. When the evening came, either I must have thought better of the sick headache, or else must have forgotten it, for I most certainly dressed myself very care-

I want to describe my dress. It was a high-cut black velvet of that kind which announces its excellence by the way in which its folds hang. It was trimmed with | inharmonious relations of the two Houses. point-lace, and my jewels were my favorite | So that, if the dispute is to be continued, pearls. Beyond those I wore no jewelry the next step is to appoint another conwhatever, except a large fire opal. The stone is not one which ladies as a rule affect; but for myself, I have always had a sort of

was not a woman in it better dressed than dangerous action. It would make the dismyself, or, to speak quite candidly, with honest intentions of the Senators apparent as women have an instinct over wine, al- at war now with the House and with the though wholly ignorant of vintages, and authority of the President. By sitting

clined the round dances, was taken down to make the passage of the bill a possibility, to supper by the major himself, and yield- the second chamber of the Legislature ed to his entreaties that after supper I would bring itself into open conflict with would join the cotiflon. I was then driven the people. Whilst Congress continues After a couple of days again devoted to rapidly home and went to bed with the sitting the affairs of the country and the proud consciousness that I had scored a interests of all classes of the people, exing the women as little occasion for jealousy

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

"THE BOOK OF BOOKS."

How the Bible Was Divided Into Chapters and Verses.

ters and verses, as we have them, the ancients knew nothing of. This division was the invention of Hugo, a Dominican came a cardinal, and is commonly known as Hugo Cardinalis. This man wrote a comnumber of monks to collecting the words under their proper classes in every letter of ance of the Bible was constructed. The ery of representative government. whole intention of the work of the monks was the easiest finding of any word or passage of Scripture ; to make it answer the An Englishman Has Invented a Simple purpose the cardinal found it necessary, in the first place, to divide the book into sections, and the sections into other divisions. These sections are the chapters into which the Bible has ever since been divided. When the concordance was puba copy, and for the sake of using it all the Bibles of the Western world were divided into chapters.

Easthampton would arrest consumption in subdividing was by the letters A, B, C, D, E, F,G, placed in the margin at equal distances Æsculapius was wise in his generation: he | fewer, as the length of the chapter was reintended to be a baronet, and to found a quired. The work of Hugo was much im-

was completed in 1445.

But to this day the Book of the Law which is read by the Jews in their synaverses as the Bible is.

Forgotten.

A child wept bitterly. "Lost !" it wailed. The multitude paused and looked with pity upon the picture of distress.

"Lost !" The multitude swept on its way. "Lost !"

Yes, they had all come to take care of beguiling the weary way with joke and the little one, and for no other purpose.

A PITIABLE SPECTACLE.

A Settlement of the United States Tariff More Remote Than Ever.

The news of the past few days from Washington only shows that the tariff situation is in a more unfortunate way than ever, and the prospects of the question being satisfactorily settled by the Conference Committee more remote than at any previous stage of the dispute. The tone adopted by Senator Gorman in laying down the law to the President is a sign of the scramble that must soon take place between the professional politicians for what gain or capital can be made by popular appeals arising out of the gross abuse of duty on the part of the Senate as a chamber.

It is worth while to examine the facts which now confront Congress. The tariff bill having been shockingly maltreated in the Senate to advance the interests of certain members of that body, it went on to a Conference Committee so that both Houses might agree upon it. There was no possibility of any such agreement being come to and in due course the representatives of the Senate on the committee brought back to their House a formal report. Thespeeches which followed upon the report to the Senate have but served to increase the ference committee. If the Senators desire to be more auto-

cratic still, they can at once resolve upon the indefinite adjournment of the whole I knew as I entered the room that there subject. This, however, might be taking down calmly, and ignoring the necessity I danced most of the square dances, de- for any further efforts, sincere or otherwise, cept the professional politicians and agitators, must go from bad to worse. As long as Senators like Gorman fight about technicalities they will have the excuse that they are standing out for the independence of the Senate, and full freedom of action within the Constitution. If they give the President an opportunity to do so, he can be relied upon not to hesitate about decisive measures of force. It is in him to play The Division of the Scriptures into chap- the part of dictator, but that must always be a dangerous role. The provocation must now be next to unbearable for the people. They are suffering outrage with exemplary patience, indeed, while their monk, who died in the year 1262. He be- dishonest and intriguing legislators keep within the Constitution. How long they can afford to keep quiet is a grave question, for elements are growing up in the west ment on the whole Latin Bible. In doing which threaten the national peace, and despite military vigilance, may yet strike at the unity of the Republic.

Never in history has there been such wanton sport made and dangerous liberties taken by legislators, whether popular, hereditary or appointed, with the machin-

MEASURING ELECTRICITY.

Sort of Meter.

One of the greatest trials of the central station superintendent is the erratic nature of the record of his "diagram," or, in other words, the irregularity of the demand for lished everybody who read the Bible wanted | current on the part of his customers, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. A "demand indicator" has been introduced, a correct means But the subdivisions of chapters were not of ascertaining the actual call each consumer then, as now, by verses. Hugo's way of makes upon the generating plant of the central station. The influence of this instrufrom each other, according as the chapters | ment on the habits of the consumer is said Fashionable valetudinarians flocked to it. were longer or shorter. In long chapters to be most salutary for himself as well as The railway opened a branch line. Old all the seven letters were used, in others for the station. Instead of burning a great many lamps at a time for short periods he new. This had led to his gracious notice George Sabine I also told the truth. Of family. There were three hotels in the proved by those who followed him, before is induced to burn a normal number of lamps for long periods, thereby uncon-About the year 1430 there lived among sciously "flattening" the station load diarood of land for a dissenting conventicle of the western Jews a famous rabbi called gram and equalizing the work of the plant Rabbi Nathan. This Jew was much con- over an extended period. At the same time The old land jobber's wealth grew like versant with Christians, and having many a generous provision is made whenever the that of Jacob Astor himself. The fore- disputes with their learned men about consumer wishes to have a special blaze of shore, which he had purchased by the acre, their religion, he came to the knowledge light. Once a month he gets an electric "And now, Mr. Dean," I concluded, rising he let out on building leases by the square and use of the Latin concordance to their light "bonus." He gives twenty-four hours' foot. As there were no poor in the place, Bible. He was so much taken with the notice in writing to the station, and the and a hiding-place elsewhere. I shall go as no poor-rate, and nothing even remotely work that he set about making such a con- indicator is short circuited for the space of had gone on to draw a most learned and soon as possible, and I can only hope that I approximating to a slum, the average mor- cordance to the Hebrew Bible for the use of time he desires. He can then burn any tality was astonishingly low. And at last the Jews. In composing his work he found number of lamps in excess of his usual The Dean was cordial in his manner, but apier was built, not for the vulgar purposes it necessary to follow Hugo's division of the maximum, and the demand is not registerevidently relieved at the turn affairs had of commerce, but to afford a promenade Bible into chapters; but he did not follow ed. Another meter for the recording of his method of dividing the chapters by the current used is the invention of an En-"You will certainly not be forgotten at For me Easthampton had this great ad- letters A, B, C, etc. He numbered the glishman. It is said to measure the supply pert. He was a man of fine presence, if the Deanery, Lady Craven," he said. "I vantage—that I should not be likely to be verses by affixing the numeral Hebrew of electricity to consumers with as much not altogether of handsome features, and have no secrets from my wife, but she and identified unless I went into society in my letters in the margin at every fifth verse, simplicity and accuracy as can now be would have made a capital field officer of I will always think well and kindly of you. own name, which I had no intention of do- and this has been the usage of the Jews in obtained in the use of gas. Its action is Foot Guards. He was now, to all appear. I can answer for her as certainly as for my. ing, and also that, although the place was all their Hebrew Bibles ever since, except obviously simple. It is well known that ances, just about the wrong side of fifty, self. Should chance bring us anywhere expensive, it was yet quite within my that latterly they have introduced the com- when an electric current is applied to mon figures for numbering the intermediate | water it generates ; the gas thus generated verses between every fitth. Nathan's work is collected in a receiver, and by ingenious mechanism the discharge of this gas each Soon after this a Latin Bible was publish- time it fills the receiver moves the record. favorably with the county squires of the needlessly defer my departure. Let me -and I furnished it modestly and unpre- ed after this pattern, with the chapters ing dial similar to that on a gas meter. again assure you of my full belief in all you | tentiously, but very prettily, although I say | divided into verses, and the verses so num- | All the attention the meter requires is said After a little exchange of sentences about have told me, and of my sorrow and sym. it, gave my tastefull scope. I also, of course, bered. So that, as the Jews borrowed the to be the addition of a little water in the

They Make Good Soldiers.

A country that can produce good soldiers ought to be able to raise good offiin war has testified. Major Edmond Malet said the other day in Boston that Canadians make the best soldiers physically that he has ever seen. In his company, the 81st New York Volunteer Infantry, in the late war, he had forty-five of them, and no hardships could dampen their gay spirits nor toil exhaust their hard frames. In those terrible forced marches of the army of the Potomac in the Meanwhile two men and six women, all Peninsula, with the thermometer far up in these Caradians trudged along cheerily,