OR, A BROTHER'S PROMISE

CHAPTER T.

Hector Chisholm Grant, journalist and dreamer, stood at the door of Johnson's Coffee-House in the Strand and threw away the end of his cigarette. Eastward, the roadway was a watery mirror, reflecting the flares of Terry's Theatre, the hansom lamps clustering round the Gaiety, the hovering lights of a hundred omalbuses. Westward, the Tivoli blazed, a dim gleam of sheen came from the courtyard of the Cecil, and again more hansom and omnibus lights. It was a dreary right: all the more dreary because the month was August, when one looks for clear skies and pleasant breezes, stars. and a summer moon.

Grant gazed out on the dripping passers with a discontented frown. He shook his umbrella free from its

"I don't know who he was," he muttered to himself, "but he was fair to middling wise, the man who said that 'Life is a habit-mostly a damn bad one.' Mine's one of the mostlies. Get up at eight, tub, shave, dress, breakfast, curse my laundress, read the papers, curse them. Office at ten, work till one. Lunch alone or with some one-Grover, perhaps. Hear f.om him how Red, White and Blue accepted a dozen articles a year ago-hasn't paid for them yet. Same enlivening old Same talk-eternal shop. Back to office. Leave at five. Go to Sloane Street, and fence till sev-Dinner at eight and chess till And then, back to dull chambers, a dull dog, a dreary dog, tobut Sunday—that's worse. Wah!" they had talked. The old man seem- engulfed. Among others an Engjerk, and made to step on to the politics, and he generally managed off the coast of Holland, had on pavement. A voice at his elbow to turn the conversation on that board ingots of gold and silver valcaused him to stop and turn round. "You go towards Temple Bar, Mr. Grant 2"

"Ah! Senor Bravo!" he cried, recognizing the wide sombrero and allenveloping cloak of his late opponent at ches.

"I go your way. We might talk." "I shall be glad of a chat. I feel miserable. I suppose it's the weath-

"Yes, indeed, your London weath-

er depresses." "I've just been cursing the monotony of my existence. It's getting on my nerves, this life that is the

same, day in, and day out." rain had now ceased. Hector went been practically depopulated.

Highlander, ratier. We are a race the cerebro-spinal fluid in five cases of of adventurous dreamers. Fighting the sleeping sickness. A further inof some sort is the breath of our vestigation showed the existence of nostrils: we must be hacking and this parasite in the cerebro-spinal hewing. Otherwise-we sit still and fluid and in the circulating blood in let our bones melt into melancholy. all of the cases. As it is closely re-As we say, it's a height or a howe lated to the disease of cattle caused has just succeeded Admiral Tsuboi and no other she had spoken. with us. Here's my six-foot-one of by the tsetse fly, it was suspected in command of the standing squad- "You teld me with your own lips, fighting-stuff sliding down impercep- that the sleeping sickness was caused ron, the force which would probably Lucy. You told me too you did tibly into the general slough of in like manner by infection. flabbiness, and pobbiness, and greasy Along the lake shore numbers of is a young officer, as flag officers go, unworthy of your love." we have round us everywhere here."

"Is not the newspaper life exciting?" asked Senor Bravo.

"Exciting enough." answered Hector; "but one gets used to it. We take the assassination of an Emperor, of the downfall of a Cabinet, or the burning of Chicago, or a cab accident in the Strand, all with the same complacency. They are so far away from one's stuffy office, and the tape machine and the flimsy are as impersonal as Fate or the County Council."

They had come to the corner of Welli gton Street, and they stopped for a moment to let pass some cabs The extinction of it, as of the mosgoing northward from Waterloo.

"This is the hour of its best." So they turned towards the bridge, and walked in silence until they came to the middle. They leaned on the parapet in one of the embrasures, and looked up stream. Hector, too, loved the river at night. Often and often, during his seven years in London, had he come here and stood for an hour at a time; gazing at the glassy darkness of the flood, the

thousand broken lights, the slow monster shadows of barges, the swallow-like dart of a police launch; | ing the money of his clients. and listening to the lap-lap or the buttresses.

the night, telling the world that gaged a clerk, whom he subsequently let the British skipper carry out the and wild as ever fell from man's lips of scouting, in which special stress cared-how small that would is !- took into partnership. sat, debating and discussing, plann- trustees for family estates, but in a ing and scheming, rough-hewing and disastrous moment it embarked french-polishing the destinies of the speculations involving a quarter Empire, generally with a righteous a million sterling in land and build-British eye to their own imme iate ing operations. Over these some

advantage. Senor Bravo stretched a skinny hand towards the light.

"I did use to think that the men there were lovers of freedom, of libyet. But I have made experience of proportion of which represented ters and water filled the air; then I She leant on his arm, faint, half them—of the greatest. There was money received by the solicitor from believe all of us leaped overboard conscious, and the temptation was one who had the golden tongue: I clients as trustees. pleaded with him for my country.

He spoke, warmed my heart made me to weep. His sympathy fortune.

so high that I saw Hope shining on share. the horizon."

statesman when he could not help attention to the former only, of ed, restlessly impatient of her own himself, and a lover of liberty and which they found full sacks. These thoughts. Dimly he saw her figure right when it suited him. He was lieses are mostly single, couble and moving swiftly toward him through one of the men you British love : the quadruple ducats. ten letters of the word 'expediency' It has all eady been announced that were his Decalogue. I found myself on the first shipment to Constanti- his life was at hand, and nerved fate of death; no longer forfeit the at the end of the hour standing on nople the divers obtained for their himself to meet it. But his heart higher hope. I take my stand with that doorstep in Downing Street part the sum of 276,000 francs. The beat fast and hard like one who which politician-feet have worn daily work of the divers amounts to pants in the close of a long struggle, the years my folly has wasted; to down, that doorstep which pilgrims from 5,000 to 10,000 pieces of gold. in thousands come to see, that door- A special boat of the admiralty, step which is not so hard as the manned by officers of the Turkish to a pleasant smile, and, with nod you help me, Lucy?" politician-heart. I stood there Navy and by a Government inspec- and word of greeting, she would "I will pray always for your hapyear was gone, my money was gone; ed and a receipt given to the divers. held out a letter to her. I had nothing but words to show for It appears that the bottom of the "For me?" she asked, surprised.

rather, he felt, that there was some divers have drawn up various other mystery about this Senor Bravo, precious objects, gold and silver hope you will not think so. It's who came regularly every evening to crosses, jewels, images, swords, Johnson's to play chess for shill- canes, especially an evangel, of which room laughed tolerantly at the "old with precious stones of great value. Frenchman"-to them, all foreigners This is not the first time such were French-for they did not ap- enterpries have been undertaken for lief, but yet full of surprise. praise highly his skill as a player. the purpose of discovering liches But he was quiet and harmless, and buried in the sea, but they have interfered with nobody. Grant had seldom yielded the desired results. It often when their game was finished, summary of the innumerable fortunes

subject.

(To be Continued.)

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

by Flies.

governmental commission sent to Uganda have resulted in the discovery of the cause of the sleeping sickness, which has caused so many thousand deaths among the natives. Buvuma Island, which had a population of 22,000, has now but 8,000. They walked slowly eastward. The The southern province of Busoga has

The first step in the discovery was "I am a Scotsman, you know: a the observation of trypanosomes in

species of the tsetse fly were found in the prime of life, and he of all His words forced belief upon her in The Education of the British Experiment demonstrated the fact available admirals knows what naval spite of her own memory and senses. that these, when fed on sleeping sick- war under modern conditions means. amazement held he dumb. ness cases, conveyed the disease to In 1894, when the Japanese "wiphealthy monkeys. It was also as- ed out" the Chinese fleet, Admiral and the path led them out on the certained that freshly caught flies Togo-he was only a Captain then- open pleasure ground close to the in the infected areas conveyed the struck the first blow. He was in house. disease without any preliminary ar- command of the second-class cruiser "Lucy!" he said, with sudden tificial feeding. Further investiga- Naniwa, not an armored vessel in change to humble entreaty, "will the sleeping sickness.

The fly which conveys the fatal trypanosoma is the Glossin palpalis. quito in malaria areas, together with "I have the desire to look upon the discovery of a serum or trypanthe river," said the old man simply. osomacide, is now looked for to cradicate the disease.

SENT TO PENAL SERVITUDE.

London Lawyer, Who Speculated

With Clients' Money.

vitude has recently been passed at the Corean archipelago, a Japanere has known at some time of their the Old Bailey, on the solicitor Wil- man-of-war-the Naniwa-came in lives. She seemed to move as in a liam Henry Miles Booty, of Gray's sight of the Kowshing and fired blank dream, to re-live a portion of her Inn, London, for the misappropriat- shots as a signal to her to stop. The life, even to the most minute detail. reconnoissance duties and map read-

swish-swish of the water against the structive one. At the age of 18 he are or take the consequences." The great electric light in the tow- which has been in existence 100 directed to follow the man-of-war, And when at last he spoke, the ing will be instilled by the "flag er of the House shone high above years. Not long afterwards he en- but the terrified Chinese would not weird story that he told, strange stealing" game and practical trials

the faithful Commons still The firm did a great business £80,000 was lost.

1900 Booty became bankrupt.

was a deficiency of £144,000, a large became right; pieces of coal, splin- bring me back into the sunlight."

He was a friend to Greece to Bul- mode of life was simple, that he had tain of the man-of-war would give no Half leading, half supporting her to garia, to Armenia. I pleaded with not been extravagant, and that af- aid in rescuing the Chinese, his idea the wood's edge he found her a seat and his words | ter 38 years of hard work he found | cf war did not go on these humani- on a mossy mound between two arch- squadron bowling over the greates He wept, he himself in the dock a victim of mis- tarian lines. The Kowshing sank ,ng roots of a wide-branching oak, number of the enemy will be declared

RICHES FROM SEA BOTTOM.

Turks Getting Fortune From a Sunken Treasure Ship.

Readers have heard of the search under taken by Greek divers under the Turkish Government and the treasure discovered in the Russian Admital's ship, sunk at Tcherman at the time of the naval battle of 1770, when the Turkish fleet was completely destroyed.

to me for an hour, and yet the kish Government also has obtained it, was narrow and dark even in me. Can you forgive?" stream was not dry. I was tossed some large amounts, inasmuch as it noonday, with walls and roof of "What have I to forgive?" she high on the waves of his cloquence, has reserved for itself the lion's dense foliage. Far off, seen now answered softly, as yet scarcely

resumed with a contemptuous shrug. fathoms, abounds in pieces of gold hope. "He was a politician; he was a and s'her. At first the divers paid While yet a long way off, she turn-

No, I like not much this sea is strewn with silver pieces, side of the bridge. Let us go over." | which have the dimensions and the tone of his voice troubled her. Grant wondered greatly at the old weight of French crowns of five man's vehemence. He knew, or f ancs. Besides this money, the bad news?" The habitues of the chess- the binding of gold is ornamented

'Alluenbear with this bearing mould be difficult to give even a ed to be greatly interested in foreign lish bark, with founde ed in 1799 uel at about thirty millions, which a very small part was recovered. The Royal Charter went down the Moelfram with a cargo worth two millions.

The greatest fortune engulfed was Parasite Found and It Is Spread in the shipwreck of a French sailing vessel off the coast of Trafalgar. It The investigations by the British carried a ton and a half of gold plates and five toes of silver plates, whose destination was the famous Cathedral of St. Jean de Malte. There were also a large number of precious stones, designed to embellich some relies contained in the going or coming was anything to cathedral, as well as to adorn various religious objects belonging to chevaliers of the order and kept by them in their chapel.

JAPAN'S GREAT ADMIRAL.

Confronts the Russians.

This little slip saw more fig' ting | "But why to me?" ese navy, and Capt. Togo won for am for good or evil."

heroes of Japan. two others had been loaded up with seen water and the flutterings of soldiers and stores by the Chine e birds in the close leaves. Of a sudand had started for Corea. On July den that strange feeling came upon Sentence of seven years' penal ser- 25, when in sight of the islands of Lucy, that weird feeling every one order was obeyed, and then Capt. It was in that same soft twilight of ing are to be taught thoroughly.

The Kowshing was subsequently story of his life. Capt. Toga is what would be styled remembered dream. discharged a torpedo and opened fire first.

brought to hear. After the clerk partner retired in the words of Herr von Hanneken, a had suddenly appeared. Prussian officer in the Chinese ser- "I am fightened," she whispered It was then discovered that there vice, who was on board, "The day faintly. "Bring me out of the dark; His counsel pleaded that Booty's ed land, though it is said the Cap- heart. But he put it sternly aside. in half an hour.

STRONGER THAN

CHAPTER XX-(Continued.)

The fact is that the Russian ves- of the wood, a glimpse of white everything to you.' He paused for a moment, and then sel, which sank in a depth of thirty glanced before him, like a beckoning

the long vista of the shaded path, and knew that the supreme hour of fearing defeat.

As they met, her sad face softened for the life I haved lived in it. Will stunned-with words. I had spent a tor, is stationed continually at this have passed. But he stood in the piness." ing for an interview with him. My water is registered, the pieces count- she did not she him tremble, and want your help-I want yourself. I

"How strangely you speak. Is it

very short. Read it for yourself." He watched her jealously while her eyes were on the letter. His whole face brightened when she looked up from the reading with a sigh of re-

"You knew what was in the letter?" she aske i. He nodded. For a moment he could

not trust himself to speak. "Why did he leave?"

"He had no choice." "You asked him to go."

"I forced him to go." "You!" Her surprise mastered her

itterly. "He was wholly unworthy of you, Lucy-unworthy of any good woman's love: a creature too bad and vile for your very thoughts to touch.

I forced the confession of black guilt from his own lips. I hold it here, written by his own hand." There was something in his voice that thrilled her, strange yet fami-

"I feel I can trust you," she said softly; "but how did you knowhow could you know that I-that his

"Do you forget? You yourself told me you were pledged to marry

this man.' "I! I told you! I never spoke to you about it. I couldn't. It only happened yesterday, and I told no one but Harry Trevor. I told him Commands the Squadron That because-I hardly know why-but you most certainly I never told "

Yet even while she protested and The Japanese have reason to be denied, there came a curious doubt proud of Vi e-Admiral Togo, who upon her that it was to this man

be engaged first in case of war. He not love him. I knew him utterly

They walked a little way in silence

tion proved that this fly, like the the usual sense of the term, but a you turn and walk a little way with tsetse of South Africa, is confined to good British-built ship of 3,650 tons me alone?" and she turned without well defined areas which correspond with a protective deck from two a word. They were back an the absolutely with the distribution of inches to three inches thick and ar- lonely pathway when he spoke again, moted corning towers. For her size his voi e so low she could hardly she was very heavily armed, carry- catch his words: "I have a confes- much of the cavalryman's time. ing two 10.2-inch guns, six 5.9-i ch sion to make-a wild, strange, humil- From the beginning of the training and a couple of 9-pounders and ten lating confession. I am sick with the aim will be to develop the cav-Maxims for repelling torpedo craft. fear and shame, but I must speak."

strange confession, and there was no school. The British steamer Kowshing and sound but the cool plash of the un-

was disobeyed he warned Europeans ness of his voice to enforce belief. and making intelligible verbal and to leave the ship and then promptly. She never doubted him from the written reports.

with the five guns which could be But she grew pale, and trembled in the intemsity of her excitement, as The torpedo hit the vessel, and in one to whom a long-parted ghost

eyes averted from her face. Spread out before them the wike scene lay bathed in clear sunlight. The silver lake stretched smooth and bright as a vast mirror framed with the gorgeous colors of the autumnal woods, "I have been sorely punished, Lucy," he said at last, "for my rebellion against God's wise decrees. Remorse and shame have poisoned my stolen youth. When Eva died, Down a long pathway that led affronting death with such gentle right into the heart of the woods, confidence, the life I had so longed The search has continued with Vivian Ardel walked swiftly. The for, I had so sinned for, had grown striking success. These fortunate path, curving with the curves of a almost unbearable. But he whom was rich and overflowing. He talked dive s have become rich but the Tur- merry trout stream that ran beside most of all I wronged has forgiven

and again through the green gloom trusting her own voice, "I who owa

"Forgive my cowardice and my sin begotten of cowardice."

"But that haunting fear of which you told me-it has coased to trouble?"

"Love that is perfect," he answered, "casteth out fear. I would no longer-if I could-evade the common my fellows. I desire to atone for make the world better and happier

whole year and much money, schem- point. Each sack drawn fom the centre of the path, trembling, though "I want more than prayers; I

love you, Lucy. I so love you that life itself, the life I thought so per-"For you, Lucy," he said, and the fect, is misery to me without your love."

She turned her head away, resting her arm on the arched tree root, "I believe not. I most earnestly that he could no longer see her face, and was silent.

"Is there any hope for me?" Still no answer.

Her silence frightened him. In that hour he felt he had thrown away the one supreme joy that life holds: the love of the beloved. He looked with passionate longing at the slight figure and averted face of her who for him was the personation of womanhood-beautiful, pure,

true. But he nerved himself to bear his fate. "Forgive me, Lucy," he said, "that I have troubled your heart with my audacious hopes. I will no longer dream of what might have been were I more worthy; though wi hout you life is misery, and death

But she rose as he spoke and turned to him. Her cheeks were flushed; her eyes bright with tears. Those brave true eyes looked straight in his, and in a moment he knew.

No other answer was needed. He caught her to his heart, and with love's shy joy she gave herself to his embrace.

"You love me, Lucy?" he whispered; "give me the joy of hearing it. I can scarcely yet credit my own happiness."

"I have loved you from the first, Vivian. Through all changes loved you-only you." .

"And now?" "Now and always; to the hour of

my death." "For love there is no death !" he answered. (The End).

NEW CAVALRY TRAINING

Horse Soldier at Aldershot.

Apparently as the result of the ad mirable experiments in cavalry training made by Lieut.-Col. de Lisle at Hounslow, the new system of instruction is to be introduced into the First Army Corps, writes an Aldershot correspondent of the London Daily Mail.

The innovation will do away with much of the useless routine work which in the past has occupied so alryman's power of initiative and resource and general intelligence in than any other vessel in the Japan- "Because you must know me as I the field. One of his first lessons will be to catch his horse when turned himself then his title "The Fighting | He walked close beside her in the loose, to train it, and ride it across Admiral." He is one of the popular walk, gathering courage for the country instead of around the riding

The care of horses is also to be taught. Men are to be instructed in the treatment of minor horse maladies, how to judge and treat lameness, and to tell good forage from

Outpost and advance guard duties, The story of his downfall is an in- Togo signalled: "Remain where you a dim past she had walked before Parties of men are to be sent out with Vivian Ardel, waiting for the to find their way to fixed points entirely by the map. The art of scoutorder and threatened to murder hum. seemed curiously familiar as a half is to be laid on intercepting moves of the enemy, learning his strength "an arbitrary gent," and when he It did not need the quiet earnest- without being seen, despatch riding

More attention is to be paid to firing, the proper appreciation of cover, rapid shooting, natural rests, and the effects of wind.

Skill at arms is not to be forgotten, and mounted combats and competitions are to be instituted.

To render charging a little more scientific, an interesting game, someand swam." Many of the crew reach- strong in him to clasp her to his what after the idea indulged in by the German infantry, will be practised. A squadron of dummies -it line will form the objective, and the and stood beside her, waiting with the winner.