# One of the Garrison;

Or, A Mysterious Affair.

CHAPTER XIV .- (Cont'd.).

"Your father?" I asked. "What of

"He is gone."

"Gone!" "Yes, he is gone; and so is Corporal Rufus Smith. We shall never set eyes

upon them again." "But where have they gone?" I cried. What right have we to sit here, allowing our private feelings to overcome us, while denly they ceased to gesticulate, and "This is unworthy of you, Mordaunt. our private feelings to overcome us, while there is a possibility of succoring your father? Up, man! Let us follow him. Tell me only what direction he took."

"It's no use," young Heatherstone answered, burying his face in his hands. "Don't reproach me, West, for you don't know all the circumstances. What can we do to reserve the tremendous and unknown laws which are acting against us? The blow has long been hanging over us, and now it has fallen. God help

"In heaven's name tell me what has happened!" said I excitedly. "We must not yield to despair."

"We can do nothing until daybreak," he answered. "We shall then endeavor to obtain some trace of them. It is hope-

bring them down from the Hall at once? Your poor sister must be distracted with

"She knows nothing of it," Mordaunt answered. "She sleeps at the other side of the house, and has not seen or heard anything. As to my poor mother, she has expected some such event for so long a time that it has not come upon her as a surprise. She is, of course, overwhelmed with grief, but would, I think, prefer to be left to herself for the present. Her firmness and composure should be a lesson to me; but I am constitutionally excitable, and this catastrophe coming after our long period of suspense deprived me of my very reason for a time.'

"If we can do nothing until morning," I said, "you have time to tell us all that has occurred."

"I shall do so," he answered, rising and fact-to fear that a terrible retribution was hanging over my father's head for a certain action of his early life. In this action he was associated with the man known as Corporal Rufus Smith; so that the fact of the latter finding his way to my father was a warning to us that the time had come, and that this 5th of October-the anniversary of the misdeed -would be the day of its atonement. I uniform which he has always retained into Wigtown and arouse the police?"

always his endeavor, poor soul, to keep better than by consulting his wishes.' us clear of the curse which had fallen parting from us he tenderly embraced my rescue him from the clutches of these that he had evolved his incidents from mother and Gabriel, and he afterward my hand affectionately and gave into my and down to the highroad, but once there is not the case, and that our men of

do," my sister said. me, it was hard to tell what was right, until daybreak. Under those circumstant the statements contained in my journal He left me, and I heard his footsteps die ces what more natural than that I should for your information and that of any mark a great advance on the best away down the long corridor. It was then fly to you as fast as my feet would carry one else who may chance to be interested about ten o'clock, or a little after. For a me? You have a clear head, Jack; speak in the matter. And now, adieu! Be a time I paced up and down the room, and out, man, and tell me what I should do. good husband to Gabriel; and if your able for making these implements. then carrying the lamp to the head of Esther, what should I do?" He turned sister be brave enough to marry into my bed, I lay upon it without undress- from one to the other of us with out- such a devil-ridden family as ours by all ing, reading 'St. Thomas a Kempis,' and stretched hands and eager, questioning means let her do so. I have left enough high speed steel itself brought might pass safely over us. I had at last "You can do nothing while the dark she rejoins me I should wish it to be fallen into a troubled sleep when I was ness lasts," I answered. "We must re-equally divided between the children. If praying from my heart that the night eyes. suddenly aroused by a loud, sonorous port the matter to the Wigtown police; you hear that I am gone, do not pity, sound ringing in my ears. I sat up be- but we need not send our message to but congratulate lamp was burning low, and my watch the search, so as to comply with the law showed me that it was going on to mid- and yet have a private investigation, as I threw aside the letter and picked up stood that high speed steel containlighting the candles, when the sharp, good as a bloodhound. If we set him on ragged and frayed at the inner edge, Sheffield but that its possibilities and so clear that it might have been in if he had to follow him to John o' hering to it, to show that it had been the very room with me. My chamber is Groats." in the front of the house, while those of "It is terrible to wait calmly here while had folded companied by here had been written my mother and sister are at the back, so he may need our assistance." that I am the only one who commands a "I fear our assistance could under any view of the avenue. Rushing to circumstances do him little good. There the window I drew the blind aside and are forces at work here which are behouse. The moon shone full upon them, and by its light I could see that they were swarthy-faced and black-haired, of a type that I was familiar with among the Sikha and Afreedees. Two of them were thin, with eager, aesthetic countenances, while the third was king-like

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and majestic, with a noble figure and flowing beard.

"Ram Singh!" I ejaculated. exclaimed "What, you know them," Mordaunt in great surprise. "You have met them?"

"I know of them. They are Buddhist priests," I answered; "but go on."
"They stood in line," he continued, "sweeping their arms upward and down-ward, while their lips moved as if rebroke out for the third time into the wild, weird, piercing cry which had roused me from my slumber. Never shall I forget that shrill, dreadful summons, swelling and reverberating through the silent night with an intensity of sound which is still ringing in my ears. As it died slowly away there was a rasping and creaking as of keys and bolts, fol- cast a shadow over our lives. Here in lowed by the clang of an opening door my hands I held the solution of it. With in a small plain room. So does the 8,000 years ago. In an address deand the clatter of hurrying feet. From eager fingers I broke the seals and unmy window I saw my father and Cormy fa men wno are obeying a sudden and overpowering impulse. The three strangers
laid no hands upon them, but the whole
five swept swiftly away down the avenue
and vanished among the trees. I am
and vanished among the trees are trees to the trees the trees the trees the trees the trees the trees tha companion were helpless prisoners as if to be forever waiting for a catastrophe disturbed my sleep to the last shadowy being the person most concerned, I am more than five minutes of actual time. regard for Gabriel's father, would both So sudden was it, and so strange, that combine to render you unhappy if you when the drama was over and they were knew the hopelessness and yet the vaguegone I could have believed that it was ness of the fate which threatens me. I all some terrible nightmare, some delu- feared to disturb your mind, and I was sion, had I not felt that the impression therefore silent, though at some cost to

help up a warning finger. "'No noise,' she said. 'Gabriel is asleep. They have been called away?'

"'They have,' I answered. "'God's will be done! she cried. 'Your poor father will be happier in the next Thank heaven that Gabriel is asleep. I

gave her chloral in her cocoa.

dark-skinned fiends.' The thought so mad- his imagination. The few faded leaves charge a small packet addressed to your- I had no indication in which direction science must recognize powers and laws that I was really distressing him by my ing. All was strange and dark and ter- were always fiery and headstrong, and in pertinacity, I at last allowed him to close rible. The thought of you, and of the action when my blood is up I have no out having to pay royalties under the door and to turn the key upon the help which I might look for from your knowledge of what I am about. Neither a foreign patent. outside. I shall always reproach myself advice and assistance, was a beacon of the corporal nor I would have laid a for my want of firmness. But what can hope to me. At Branksome, at least, I finger upon Ghoolab Shah had we not you do when your own father refuses your should receive sympathy, and, above all, seen that the tribesmen were rallying be- making of tools required for boring assistance or co-operation? You cannot directions as to what I should do; for hind him. Well, well; it is an old story my mind is in such a whirl that I cannot now, and there is no profit in discussing "I am sure that you did all you could trust my own judgment. My mother was it. May no other poor fellow ever have at a rapid rate. Such tools are lo," my sister said.

"I meant to, dear Esther, but, God help no prospect of being able to do anything I have written a short supplement to

wildered, but all was silent again. The them until we are actually starting upon night. I blundered to my feet, and was your mother wishes. John Fullarton, over the roll of blue foolscap which contained striking a match with the intention of the hill, has a lurcher dog which is as the solution of the mystery. It was all vehement cry broke out again so loud the general's trail he will run him down with traces of gum and thread still ad-

looked out. You know that the gravel youd human intervention. Besides, there drive opens up so as to form a broad is no alternative. We have, apparently, stretch immediately in front of the house. no possible clue as to the direction which Just in the center of this clear space they have taken, and for us to wander there stood three men looking up at the aimlessly over the moor in the darkness would be to waste the strength which glistening on their upturned eyeballs, may be more profitably used in the morning. It will be daylight by five o'clock. In an hour or so we can walk over the hill together and get Fullarton's dog." "Another hour!" Mordaunt groaned,

"every minute seems an age." "Lie down on the sofa again and rest yourself," said I. "You cannot serve your to lay the whole statement open to the father better than by laying up all the charge of having been tampered with. strength you can, for we may have a weary trudge before us. But you mentioned a packet which the general had

intended for me,"
"It is here," he answered, drawing a small, flat parcel from his pocket and handing it over to me; "you will find, no doubt, that it will explain all which has

been so mysterious.' The packet was sealed at either end she looks." with black wax, bearing the impress of He- But you look so well that the flying griffin, which I knew to be the general's crest. It was further secured one forgets how you play." by a band of broad tape which I cut with my pocket knife. Across the outside was written, in bold handwriting: "J. Fotherhanded to that gentleman in the event of now the family next door is havthe disappearance or decease of Major-General J. B. Heatherstone, V.C., C.B., late of the Indian Army." So at last I was to know the dark secret which had more like revenge."

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less at present."

"And how about Gabriel and Mrs. Heatherstone?" I asked. "Can we not bring them down from the Hall at once?"

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"And how about Gabriel and Mrs. Straint of any visible kind, and yet I your own sake. I knew by sad experition for the positive that no force was used, or construction of more than once, but I refrained for your own sake. I knew by sad experition of protect them. I had seen them dragged away in man-acles. All this took little time in the acting. From the first summons which acting. From the first summons which acting. Though it affects me specially, as glimpse which I had of them between the still conscious that the natural sympathy tree trunks could hardly have occupied which I have observed in you, and your was too real, too vivid, to be imputed to myself, for my isolation has been not the fancy. I threw my whole weight against least of the troubles which have weighed my bedroom door in the hope of forcing | me down. Many signs, however, and chief the lock. It stood firm for a while, but among them the presence of the Buddhists I flung myself upon it again and again, upon the coast as described by you this until something snapped and I found my- morning, have convinced me that the self in the passage. My first thought was weary waiting is at last over and that for my mother. I rushed to her room the hour of retribution is at hand. Why "You know already that we have had ment that I did so she stepped out into forty years after my offence, is more than the corridor in her dressing-gown, and I can understand, but it is possible that those who had command over my fate know that such a life is the greatest of all penalties to me. Never for an hour, night or day, have they suffered me to forget that they have marked me down as their victim. Their accursed astral world than he has ever been in this. bell has been ringing my knell for two score years, reminding me ever that there is no spot upon earth where I can hope to "'What am I to do?' I said distracted be in safety. Oh, the peace, the blessed if I am not mistaken, my father also ly. Where have they gone? How can I peace of dissolution! Come what may on had some conversation with you, West, help him? We cannot let him go from the other side of the tomb, I shall at upon the subject. When I saw yesterday us like this, or leave these men to do least be quit of that thrice terrible sound. morning that he had hunted out the old what they will with him. Shall I ride There is no need for me to enter into since he wore it in the Afghan war, I "'Anything rather than that,' my at any length the events of the 5th of was sure that the end was at hand, and mother said earnestly. 'He has begged October, 1841, and the various circumthat our forebodings would be realized. me again and again to avoid it. My son, stances which led up to the death of eldest daughter of Lady Angela Forbes. the appeared to be more composed in the again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. You may marvel at my dry eyes; torn a sheaf of leaves from my old jourter again. years, and spoke freely of his life in In- but if you knew as I know the peace nal, in which you will find a bald account dia and of the incidents of his youth. which death would bring him, you could of the matter, and an independent nar-About nine o'clock he requested us to go not find it in your heart to mourn for rative was furnished by Sir Edward to our own rooms, and locked us in there him. All pursuit is, I feel, vain; and yet Elliott, of the Artillery, to the Star of HIGH SPEED STEEL PATENTED -a precaution which he frequently took some pursuit there must be. Let it be as India some years ago-in which, however, when the dark fit was upon him. It was private as possible. We cannot serve him the names were suppressed. I have reason to believe that many people, even New Process Depends on the Intro-"'But every minute is precious,' I cried. among those who knew India well, thought upon his own unfortunate head. Before 'Even now he may be calling upon us to that Sir Edward was romancing, and

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Your unfortunate friend, John Berthier Heatherstone. torn out of a strongly bound volume. of the first page was inscribed in bold, clear characters, evidently of later date than the rest, "Journal of Lieutenant J. B. Heatherstone in the Thull Valley during the autumn of 1841," and then under- ity. neath, "This extract contains some account of the events of the first week of October of that year, including the skirmish of the Terada ravine and the death of the man Ghoolab Shah." I have the narrative lying before me now, and I evening, waiter? First you give copy it verbatim. If it contains some matter which has no direct bearing upon the question at issue, I can only say that the soup." Waiter (confidentially) I thought it better to publish what is irrelevant than by cutting and clipping

## Compensation.

(To be continued.)

She-"I envy Miss Playne. She plays so well that one forgets how

"We are somewhat musical, and

### ROYAL BEDS.

Many Crowned Heads Are Not Particular About Their Quarters.

Not all the heads that wear a crown pillow them on softest down when they remove their crowns and go to bed at night. Indeed, many a king prefers a bed of soldierly hardness to the luxury that he might command. The Kaiser, for instance, likes a camp bed, and the rulers of Austria and Italy ordinarily sleep in small iron beds. The King of the Belgians swings himself up in a hammock at night. One might suppose that King George of England, who was for so many years a sailor, would follow this example, but he and Queen Mary like to sleep in such quarters as the popular mind associates with kings and queens. King Alfonso Mendip Hills Sanatorium, England, has similar tastes. The Czar of all Hindu doctors understood the germ the Russias, strange to say, sleeps theory and inoculation 6,000 to Pope. The Mikado of Japan sleeps, livered before the Royal Society of



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dened me that I rushed out of the house which I send you will show you that this in Sheffield, England, in a method time, John seeing that he was getto turn. The whole wide moor lay before which can and have been used by man, steel by the introduction of cobalt. fare, was going off, but suddenly me, without a sign of movement upon its but which are unknown to European civ- The process has been patented he turned and said: "Well, James, whenever I have told you my story. I broke the perfect stillness of the night. I do not wish to whine or to whimper, throughout the world by a Contin- there's one good quality about you, conjured him to allow me to sit up with It was then, my dear friends, as I stood, him and to share any danger which might not knowing in which direction to turn, arise; but he implored me with irresist-that the horror and responsibility broke that the horror and responsibility broke the horror and responsibility broke that the horror and responsibility broke the horror and responsibility bro ible earnestness not to add to his troubles full upon me. I felt that I was combat- any man, far less an aged one, in cold will fight for the privilege of mak- asked James, delighted at hearing by thwarting his arrangements. Seeing ing against forces of which I knew noth- blood. We tamper and nature however by thwarting his arrangements. Seeing ing against forces of which I knew noth-

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After the death of Buddha, when surgery began to decline and medicine flourished more, medical houses and hospitals were established in India which were provided with medicines and instruments and attended by physicians who relieved the sick and suffering, but long before Buddha there were medical schools and colleges. Arab medicine, which was founded on Hindu medicine, taught European physicians as late as the seventeenth century, and Western people lowed a great debt to India in this direction.

## He Had One Good Quality.

John and James had a slight difference of opinion, in consequence of which they began to call each other ugly names. When they had Great interest has been aroused continued in this manner for some of producing a superior high speed | ting the worst of the wordy wartrait in his character. "No," ruthlessly went on the other, "you aren't two-faced, because if you had another face you would wear

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