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the alert for some new land of promise. "Who told you that?" asked Jack, drying his hands on a towel. "One of the stewards, sir; a man

that was laid up at Sierra Leone in the hospital.' Jack Meredith paused for a moment before going on deck. He looked out through the open porthole toward the blue shadow on the horizon which was Africa, a country that he had never

seen three years before and which had

all along been destined to influence his

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"Yes, sir, it is. She deserves it, if that goes for anything in the heavenly reckoning. She's a fine woman; a good woman that, sir." "Yes."

Joseph was folding a shirt very care-

Office and Parlors 92 Kent-st. Over "A bit dusky," he said, smoothing out the linen folds reflectively. "but I shouldn't have minded that if I had been a marryin' man, but I'm not." He laid the shirt in the portmanteau lanses, eye-glasses, spectacles etc., and looked up. Jack Meredith had

While Maurice and Jocelyn Gordon were still at dinner that same evening a messenger came, announcing the arrival of the Bogamayo in the roads. This news had the effect of curtailing DR. GROSS, Dentist, Lindsay, Memthe meal. Maurice Gordon was liable to be called away at any moment thus Ont. All modern methods in the by the arrival of a steamer. It was different departments of dentistry not long before he rose from the table and lighted a cigar preparatory to going down to his office, where the cap-OR. POGUE, DENTIST, office near- tain of the steamer was by this time probably awaiting him. It was a full moon, and the glorious golden light of the equatorial night shone through the high trees like a new dawn. Hardly a star was visible; even those of the southern hemisphere pale beside the

southern moon. Maurice Gordon crossed the open space of cultivated garden and plunged into the black shadow of the forest. His footsteps were inaudible. Suddenly he ran almost into the arms of a

May. Honor graduate of Toronto man. "Who the devil is that?" he cried. "Meredith." answered a voice. "Meredith-Jack Meredith, is that

tresfully performed. Charges mod- you?" I'm blowed." exclaimed Maurice Gordon, shaking hands; "likewise glad. What brought you out here

> "Oh, pleasure!" replied Jack, with his face in the shade.

"Pleasure? You've come to the wrong place for that. However, I'll let you find that out for yourself. Go on to the bungalow. I'll be back in less than an hour. You'll find Jocelyn on the verandentures continues to be a specialty da."

When Maurice left her Jocelyn went out into the veranda. It was the beginning of the hot season. At midday the sun on his journey northward no longer cast a shadow. Jocelyn could not go out in the daytime at this period or for the Ontario Bank. Money to of the year. For fresh air she had to toan at lowest rates. Office No. 6 rely upon a long, dreamy evening in the

She sat down in her usual chair while the moonlight, red and glowing. made a pattern on the floor and on her white dress with the shadows of the creepers. The sea was very loud that T. Stewart, L. V. O'Counor, B.A. | night, rising and falling like the breath of some huge sleeping creature.

Jocelyn Gordon fell into a reverie. Life was very dull at Loango. There was too much time for thought and too little to think about. This girl had only the lowest current rates. Office the past, and her past was all comprised in a few months-the few months still known at Loango as the simiacine year. She had lapsed into a bad habit of thinking that her life was over, that the daylight of it had waned

and that there was nothing left now but the gray remainder of the evening. She was wondering now why it had all come, why there had been any daylight at all. Above these thoughts she wondered why the feeling was still in her heart that Jack Meredith had not gone out of her life forever. There was no reason why she should ever meet him again. He was, so far as she knew, married to Millicent Chyne more than a year ago, although she had never seen the announcement of the wedding. He had drifted into Loango and into her life by the merest accident, and now



"You!" she exclaimed. that the simiacine plateau had been

come to Loango again.



We leave him lying stiffly on his solemn four post bed.

And the creepers were pushed aside by one who knew the method of their growth. A silver glory of moonlight fell on the veranda floor, and the man of whom she was thinking stood before her. "You!" she exclaimed.

She rose, and they shook hands. They stood looking at each other for a few moments, and a thousand things that had never been said seemed to be understood between them. "Why have you come?" she asked

abruptly. "To tell you a story." She looked up with a sort of half

smile, as if she suspected some pleasantry of which she had not yet de-"A long story," he explained, "which has not even the merit of being amus-

ing. Please sit down again." She obeyed him. The curtain of hanging leaves and flowers had fallen into place again. The shadowed tracery was on her dress and on the floor once more.

He stood in front of her and told her

his story, as Sir John had suggested. He threw no romance into it, attempted no extenuation, but related the plain, simple facts of the last few years with the semi-cynical suggestion of humor that was sometimes his. And the cloak of pride that had fallen upon his shoulders made him hide much that was good, while he dragged forward his own shortcomings. She listened in silence. At times there hovered round her lips a smile. It usually came when he represented himself in a bad light, and there was a suggestion of superior wisdom in it as if she knew something of which he was ignorant.

He was never humble. It was not a confession. It was not even an explanation, but only a story; a very ame story indeed, which gained nothing by the telling. And he was not the hero of it.

And all came about as wise old Sir John Meredith had predicted. It is not our business to record what Jocelyn said. Women-the best of them-have some things in their hearts which can only be said once to one person. Men cannot write them down; pictures can-

The lame story was told to the end, and at the end it was accepted. When Sir John's name was mentioned-when the interview in the library of the touched upon-Jack saw the flutter of a small lace pocket handkerchief, and at no other time. The slate was wiped clean, and it almost seemed that Jocelyn preferred it thus with the scratches upon it where the writing

in an hour. It was nearly 10 o'clock before they heard his footstep on the gravel. By that time Jocelyn had heard the whole story. She had asked one or two questions which somehow cast a different light upon the narrative, and she had listened to the answers with a grave, judicial little smile-the smile of a judge whose verdict was preordained, whose knowledge had nothing to gain from evi-

Because she loved him she took his story and twisted it and turned it to trifles she magnified into the corner- which retards the growth of stones upon which the edifice was built. She set the lame story upon its legs, and it stood upright. She believed what he had never told, and much that he related she chose to disthe force of circumstance where he took the blame to himself-because she loved him. She maintained that the past was good; that he could not have acted differently; that she would not have had it otherwise-because she And who shall say that she was

Jack went out to meet Maurice Gordon when they heard his footsteps, and as they walked back to the house he told him. Gordon was quite honest

against you in the woods that that was why you had come back. Nothcould not rid his mind of the picture laid its hand upon him almost as soon | par. as he had set his foot upon its torrid strand. He was afraid of the climate for Jocelyn; he was afraid of it for imself. The happiness that comes late ; Bears the just be firmly held to. Nothing must Bignature be forgotten to secure it or else it may

slip between the fingers at the last

tails carefully attended to, a whole exstence laid out in preparation for it. of health fostered, small pleasures relinquished, days carefully spent.

Jack Meredith was nervously apprehensive that his happiness might even now slip through his fingers. Truly, climatic influence is a strange and wonderful thing. It was Africa that had done this, and he was conscious of it. He remembered Victor Durnovo's strange outburst on their first meeting a few miles below Msala on the Ogowe river, and the remembrance only made him the more anxious that Jocelyn and he should turn their backs upon the accursed west coast forever. Before they went to bed that night

it was all arranged. Jack Meredith had carried his point. Maurice and Jocelyn were to sail with him for England by the first boat. Jocelyn and he compiled a telegram to be sent off first thing by a native boat to St. Paul de Loanda. It was addressed to Sir John Meredith, London, and signed "Meredith, Loango." The text of it was: I bring Jocelyn home by first boat.

And the last words, like the first, must be of an old man in London. We found him in the midst of a brilliant as-

sembly. We leave him alone. We leave him lying stiffly on his solemn four post bed, with his keen, proud face turned fearlessly toward his Maker. His lips are still. They wear a smile which even in death is slightly cynical. On the table at his bedside lies a submarine telegram from Africa. It is unopened. THE END.

The Production of Table Fowl

writer in The Farming World

The great demand for chickens and the high prices obtained for fairly good birds, makes poultry raising a very profitable branch of farm industry and one deserving more attention than is usually given it. Even now we find exposed for sale in our markets a large proportion of badly-bred and carelessly fed birds, which are unsatisfactory to the consumer and therefore fail to yield to the producthe best possible returns. WHAT IS A TABLE FOWL.

Experiments point to the Plymouth Rock and White Wyandotte as being among the best adapted for the production of table fowls, not only by 'Ye have but my drifts to conquer. their excellent qualities, but because, like the Shorthorn, either breed is easily obtainable, and it is pleasing to note that the predominating blood of our farmyard poultry is to some extent of these two choice breeds.

Both are suitable, as they are hardy, handsome, quick to mature, good feeders, and, in short, the best of general purpose fowl. Like all But over the scud and the palmstock, success with poultry is only obtained by good management, varying, of course, according to the surroundings. Birds on a good run reouire the least care and attention.

The hen house is very important. Individually it will have to be arranged as circumstances permit, but I have spread its fold o'er the dyit should be free of all draughts, should face the sun, be fairly comfortable, and the floor should be well covered with suitable scratching material. Perches can be arranged to My great London house was briefly suit the breed you have, and suitable

If wishing to raise chickens for the table. I would proceed as follows. Take about twelve hens, with a cockerel or pullets with a cock bird, as this is a good mating to produce, un-Maurice Gordon did not come back der proper care, the hardiest pro-

Too many hens with a male bird sometimes results in weakly chicks and unless the young ones are vigorous and healthy they will never develop into a fine table bird.

The earlier the chicks are hatched the larger they grow, still a good table bird may be obtained from a hatching any time in May, if on a

It is very important to keep the a shape of her own liking. Thore hen house clean. Whitewash it, thoritems which he had considered im- oughly clean the nests and perches to portant she passed over as trifles; the insure freedom from lice, a pest chicks and if not closely watched for will cause disaster to the young

In this country, for the local marcredit-because she loved him. She ket, a fowl possessing yellow or perceived motives where he assured white skin and legs, weighing about her there were none; she recognized five lbs., is considered a good table 'The West Wind called :- 'In squadbird. On the farm it is an easy matter to get these with fair treatment, and this weight should be reached at between four and five months old. had birds weigh seven lbs. when only First of the myriad legions, under a five months old, and if good stock is procured and cared for property, they Dipping between the rollers, should easily be made to weigh six pounds in the same number

Luring the last year I had a great demand for chickens, selling all I had The naked stars have seen it, a fel-(farm raised) at good prices from Indian Game and common hens. While the pure oreeds I have mentioned are ing could have given me greater hap- in my opinion, the best for the farmpiness. Hang it, I am glad, old chap!" er to raise, being all round good They sat far into the night arrang- fowl, still it is admitted that Indian ing their lives. Jack was nervously Game are among the best of table anxious to get back to England. He birds, but are as yet but little known to the people. If farmers would only Oh, tradesmen in your honors o, E's, presence to go and take his passage to interest themselves to produce table If on this paper you should C's, Africa—the picture of an old man sit- birds of good weight and quality. It Take our advice and be Y's, ting in a stiff backed chair before a would greatly increase the demand. Go straight ahead and advert I's. dying fire. Moreover, he was afraid of At present the chickens one sees for You'll find the project of great U's, Africa. The irritability of Africa had sale, are as a rule, decidedly below Neglect can offer no ex Q's,

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What was made it Chicago Ill? 'Twas Washington D.C. She would Tacoma Wash, in svite Of a Baltimore Md.

When Hartford and New Haven Conn What Reuben do they soak? Could Noah build a Little Rock Ark If he had no Guthrie Ok?

We call Minreapolis, Minn., Why not Annapolis Ann? If you can't tell the reason why, I'll bet Topeka Kan.

But now you speak of ladies what A Butte Montana is ! If I could borrow Memphis' Tenn I'd treat that Jackson Miss.

Would Lenver Colo cop because Ottumwa Ia dore. And, though my Portland Me coth love.

I threw my Portland Ore? Smily, in Lippincott's -Maurice Magazine.

The English Flag

BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

Winds of the World, give answer And what should they know of England who only England know? What, is the Flag of England? Winds of the World, declare!

THE NORTH WIND REPLIES I barred my gates with iron, I shut-

tered my doors with flame, Because to force my ramparts your zutshell navies came ;

'I took the sun from their presence, I cut them down with my blast, 'And they died, but the Flag of England blew free ere the spirit passed.

'The lean white bear hath seen it in the long, long Arctic night, 'The musk-ox knows the standard that floats the Northern Light What is the Flag of England? Ye have but my bergs to dare,

THE SOUTH WIND REPLIES 'Strayed amid lonely islets, mazed

Go forth, for it is there !'

amid outer keys, 'I waked the palms to laughter-I tossed the scud in the breeze-Never was isle so little, never was sea so lone,

trees an English flag was flown. 'I have wrenched it free from the hal-

liard to hang for a wisp on the 'I have chased it north to the lizard -ribboned and rolled and torn ing, adrift in a hopeless sea; 'I have hurled it swift on the slaver,

and seen the slave set free. basking sunfish know it, and wheeling albatross,

Where the lone wave fills with fire beneath the Southern Cross. 'What is the Flag of England? Ye have but my reefs to dare, 'Ye have but my seas to furrow. Go forth, for it is there !'

THE EAST WIND REPLIES

'Never the lotos closes, never the wild-fowl wake. 'But a soul goes out on the Wind that died for England's

'Man or woman or suckling, mother or bride or maid-

'Because on the bones of the English the English flag is stayed. 'The desert-dust hath dimmed it, the

flying wild-ass knows. 'The scared white leopard winds Across the taintless snows. What is the Flag of England? have but my sun to dare, 'Ye have but my sands to travel. Go forth, for it is there !'

THE WEST WIND REPLIES rons the thoughtless; galleons

'That bear the wheat and cattle lest street-bred people die. shrieking sky, English Flag goes by.

it-the frozen dews have kissedlow-star in the mist, What is the Flag of England?

'The dead dumb fog hath wrapped

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