

THE GOLDEN KEY

Or "The Adventures of Ledgard." By the Author of "What He Cost Her."

adventurous, and, I am afraid, not a greater part of his income. I don't blame him for anything he did. A man needs some responsibility, or some one dependent upon him to keep straight. To be frank with you, don't think he did."

I'd been treated like it!"

sions, including the right to work a me!' wonderful gold-mine somewhere near the village of Bekwando."

"Why, the great Bekwando Land Company!" she cried. "It is the one Scarlett Trent has just formed a syndicate to work."

were running," he said, "for the people were savage and the climate deadly. He wrote cheerfully for him, though. He had a partner, he said, who was strong and determined, and they had presents, to get which he had mortgaged the last penny of his income. It was a desperate enterso changed, he said, that no one in serviette. the world would recognize him. Poor

slowly, "that Scarlett Trent was his

King of Bekwando in the same month as your father wrote to me." "And what news," she asked, "have

you had since?" the Basle Society. I heard nothing an enormous diamond. for so long, that I made enquiries, and this is the result."

Ernestine took it and read it out

steadily. "Fortnrenig. "Dear Sir,-In reply to your letter and inquiry respecting the whereabouts of a Mr. Richard Grey, matter was placed in my hands the agent of Messrs. Castle, and have personally visited Buckomari, the village at which he was last heard of. It seems that in February, 18- he started on an expedition to Bekwando in the interior with an Englishman by the name of Trent, with a view to buying land from a native king, or obtaining the concession to work the valuable gold-mines of that country. The expedition seems to have been successful, but Trent returned alone and reported that his companion had been attacked by bushfever on the way back and had died in a few hours. "I regret very much having to send

you such sad and scanty news in return for your handsome donation to ed. You take notice of what I say, our funds. I have made every enquiry, but cannot trace any personal and be satisfied. That's all!" effects or letter. Mr. Grey, I find, was known out here altogether by the nickname of Monty.

"I deeply regret the pain which this letter will doubtless cause you, and trusting that you may seek and receive consolation where alone it may be found,

"I am, yours most sincerely, "Chas. Addison."

Ernestine read the letter carefully You'll excuse me! I want a breath of through, and instead of handing it fresh air." back to Davenant, put it into her Trent strolled through the open pocket when she rose up. "Cecil," window into the garden, and breathed once! You may come back to-morrow man again now. He had created new think this out quietly."

very happy time. He never wrote he decided to do so, but he appealed was so short a time since she had cheerfully, and he mortgaged the to my honor to destroy the note as wandered into his life, so short a time soon as I had read it.'

him, and his few letters were more he had died. Apart from that, life is his career. He associated her now plunge dagger," "stab dagger," him, and his lew letters were more the held cheap out there, and although with all those plans concerning the held cheap out there, and although with all those plans concerning the held cheap out there, and although with all those plans concerning the held cheap out there, and although with all those plans concerning the held cheap out there, and although with all those plans concerning the held cheap out there, and although with all those plans concerning the held cheap out there, and although with all those plans concerning the held cheap out there, and although with all those plans concerning the held cheap out there, and although with all those plans concerning the held cheap out the branches should be cut or sawed open-bottom racks. From a few last I had told me that he was just your father was in delicate health, future which he had been dimly for- ger" and "Thug knife." The character off smoothly and a thick coat of paint pounds to a few bushels of grain may

think I understand."

not in the least disposed to make con- there being anything worth consider- more likely to mean that one or two Unchangeable Point of View of The as queen?" versation for the sake of his unbid- ing outside the courts and alleys of officers in the building are about to den guests. Da Souza's few remarks the money-changers' market. To- proceed to the front than that Lord he treated with silent contempt, and night he knew of other things. To- Kitchener is seriously considering the monosyllables. Julie, nervous and far was as nothing—that as yet his file. In the French Army of course society wish that the rigid rules of "In Hungary the Countess Chotek and Mrs. Da Souza soon followed her, old of life, and in the path along breastplates and other revivals of an- the number in favor of reforms is not gary that I would make obeisance to prise perhaps, but it suited him, and her. In Austria she could never be he went on to tell me this, Ernestine. air of offended dignity. Da Souza, fresh worlds to conquer. To-night he constant the deep for them. If he succeeded and he became who opened the door for them, return- told himself that he was equal to them in use for some months. wealthy, he was returning to Eng- ed to his seat, moodily flicking the all. There was something out here in land just for a sight of you. He was crumbs from his trousers with his the dim moonlight, something sug-

fellow! It was the last line I had an aggrieved tone, "you might be a stillness, which crept into his veins bit more amiable! Nicely lively din- and course through his blood like have the money how do I know that whose mother and father, together, peated. "And you are sure," Ernestine said ner for the women I must say." "One isn't usually amiable to guests * who stay when they're not asked," Yet every now and then the same mise it, my boy, on the word of a ball there were more than a hundred test, but the Princess Karl gave the "Absolutely. Trent's own story Trent answered gruffly. "However, thought came; it lay like a small but gentleman," replied Spiffkins. "Ah, of her first cousins, and that one win- point of view of the Austrian nobility

clinches the matter. The prospectus if I hadn't much to say to your wife threatening black shadow across all in that case I may think better of it. ter at Abbazia she had not spoken in a nutshell. of the mine quotes the concession as and daughter, I have a word or two those brilliant hopes and dreams Come round this evening and bring during a whole week of balls and parof the mine quotes the concession as to say to you, so fill up your glass and which were filling his brain. So far him with you."

heartiness. He stretched himself out but always honestly. Now, for the in his chair and looked down thought- first time, he had stepped aside from "Only this letter—I will read it to fully at the large expanse of shirt- the beaten track. He told himself closed gate. A man passed, and the you—from one of the missionaries of some diamond which flashed that he was not bound to believe Da little girl said to him—"Will you

found as I expected that you have that such consolation was the merest "Why, my child, couldn't you open been making efforts to dispose of your sophistry. Through the twilight, as the gate for yourself?" "Because," share in the Bekwando Syndicate." "I can assure you-

know what I'm talking about. I won't floating somewhere before him-and have you sell out. Do you hear. If he stopped to listen with bated down you've got to come too. I'll in a lonely land. admit that if Monty were to present himself in London to-morrow and demand his full pound of flesh we should be ruined, but he isn't going to do it. By your own showing there is no immediate risk, and you've got to leave the thing in my hands to do what I think best. If you play any hanky-panky tricks-look here, Da Souza, I'll kill you, sure! Do you hear? I could do it, and no one would be the wiser so far as I was concern-Da Souza. You've made a fortune, "You won't marry Julie, then?" Da

Souza said gloomily. "No, I'm shot if I will!" Trent answered. "And look here, Da Souza, I'm leaving here for town to-morrow -taken a furnished flat in Dover Street-you can stay here if you want but there'll only be a caretaker in the place. That's all I've got to say. Make yourself at home with the port and cigars. Last night, you know!

she said, I want you to leave me at a deep sigh of relief. He was a free at the same time. I am going to dangers-a new enemy to face-but, what did he care? All his life had He took up his hat. "There is one been spent in facing dangers and con-

quering enemies. What he had done before he could do again! As he lit a pipe and walked to and fro, he felt How Japanese Kept Soldiers Warm that this new state of things lent a certain savor to life-took from it a certain sensation of finality not also. Many of the ingenious methods together agreeable, which his recent used by the Japanese to keep from great achievements in the financials freezing to death during their winter world semed to have inspired. After campaign in Manchuria have been in the success of the Bekwando Syn- Austria to protect their soldiers.

coarseness in its rugged outline be-came altogether toned down. He away so as to lie on the ground. pushed open the gate with fingers which were almost reverent; he came larger for winter than for summer at last to a halt in the exact spot where wear, to allow for layers of air. The he had seen her first. Perhaps it was buttonholes and other openings were at that moment he realized most com- protected with special care, after pletely and clearly the curious thing small frozen areas had been found on which had come to him—to him of all the chests of some of the soldiers cormen, hard-hearted, material, an utter stranger in the world of feminine responding to the buttonholes. things. With a pleasant sense of The fingers and feet were rubbed self-abandonment he groped about with tallow or other unsalted fat, searching for its meaning. He was a and mittens were worn over gloves. man who liked to understand thor- The mittens were sometimes packed oughly everything he saw and felt, with straw or feathers, and the and this new atmosphere in which shoes with horse bedding. Fur keeps he found himself was a curious source out the wind better than woollens and of excitement to him. Only he knew that the central figure of it all was a fur abdominal band proved a great this girl, that he had come out here help in extremely cold weather. Muffs to think about her, and that hence- of fur or felt and wristlets of wool forth she had become to him the or fur were found very useful. Whenstandard of those things which were ever the hands were found frozen, it the investment. worth having in life. Everything was learned that the men had been about her had been a revelation to him. The women whom he had come across in his battle upwards, barmaids across acr thing more, Ernestine," he said slow- and their fellows, fifth-rate actresses, socks could be dried in emergencies vested. "Well, I am glad to tell you this at ly. "Enclosed in the letter from the occasionally the suburban wife of a by wearing it next the body. Wrapwell, I am glad to tell you this at any rate," he said. "I always liked missionary at Attra was another and prosperous City man, had impressed ping the toes in paper, or the whole canes as soon as they are through any rate, ne said. I always liked a shorter note, which in accordance him only with a sort of coarse confoot in a pig bladder was also found fruiting. Cultivate the young shoots he left England, and have written to with his request, I burnt as soon as I tempt. It was marvellous how thor- useful at times. him often since. I believe I was his read it. I believe the man was hon- oughly and clearly he had recognized only correspondent in this country, ex- est when he told me that for hours Ernestine at once as a type of that cept his solicitors. He had a very he had hesitated whether to send me other world of womenkind, of which those few lines or not. Eventually he admittedly knew nothing. Yet it that he was even a little uneasy at the wonderful strength of this new "He thought it his duty to let me passion, a thing which had leaped up know that there had been rumors as like a forest tree in a world of magic, are doing a considerable business point of laying. Leghorn chicks could bees should be regarded as a necesto how your father met his death. a live, fully-grown thing, mighty and with army officers in trench daggers. be raised for about 50 cents, as they sary side line just as chickens are Trent, it seems, had the reputation of immovable in a single night. He These weapons vary in size and pat- mature much earlier in life. "Poor dad," she murmured, "of being a reckless and daring man, and found himself thinking of all the other tern. Sometimes they have a decided course he didn't! I know I'd have according to some agreement which things in life from a changed standmediaeval appearance. More deadly well as fruits neatly for market, bees is about \$50. gone to the devil as fast as I could if they had, he profited enormously by point! His sense of proportions was 'd been treated like it!"

your latner's death. There seems to altered, his mancial triumphs were have been no really definite ground no longer omnipotent. He was intropy warfare could hardly be designed about from place have been no really definite ground no longer omnipotent. He was intropy warfare could hardly be designed about from place have been no really definite ground no longer omnipotent. He was intropy warfare could hardly be designed about from place have been no really definite ground no longer omnipotent. He was intropy warfare could hardly be designed about from place have been no really definite ground no longer omnipotent. He was intropy warfare could hardly be designed about from place have been no really definite ground no longer omnipotent. "Well, he drifted about from place have been no reany definite ground no longer offinipotent. He was into place and at last he got to the got to the ground and bring much better prices. Try grain crop in the field by neglecting Gold Coast. Here I kalf lost sight of was not found where Trent said that consider them more as an incident in sired. They are described as "straight it.

gested by the shadows, the rose-per-"Hang it all, Trent," he remarked in fumed air, the delicate and languid

he had played the game of life as a Da Souza obeyed, but without hard man, perhaps, and a selfish one, Souza's story, that he had left Monty "I've been into the City to-day as with the honest conviction that he was than once that the wan face of an old dry yet." "Oh, rot!" Trent interrupted. "I man, with wistful sorrowing eyes was

(To be continued.)

OUTWITTED JACK FROST.

in Winter Campaign.

all, what could Da Souza do? His campaign in Manchuria have been prosperity was altogether bound up adopted by Russia, Germany and

dicate—he was never the man to kill In the Japanese army every man the goose which was laying such a had an extra pair of boots, mittens, magnificent stock of golden eggs. and foot cloths, to change at night. The affair, so far as he was concern- They were made to eat often, and to ed, troubled him scarcely at all on keep awake those inclined to drop cool reflection. As he drew near the little plantation he ever forgot all to sleep on the march or in changing about it. Something else was filling guards. They were kept from doing exercise that would make them sweat, The change in him became physical and they were not allowed to lie down as well as mental. The hard face of on snow. When straw was not availthe man softened what there was of able, they had to shovel the snow

The clothes and shoes were made

TRENCH DAGGERS.

Various Kinds of These Weapons in Use at the Front.

weapons for the "in fighting" which Clean, attractive packages do not cost It is possible for careless help to with another Englishman. They were to visit a native king and try to obtain from him certain conceshis desires. He forgot all about Da blow. Sometimes an officer has a "Thank you," Ernestine said, "I Souza and his threats, about the fancy of his own as to the most degrown for its seeds. While it is bloom- the grain shatters badly, a surprisingbroken-down, half-witted old man sirable kind of trench dagger, and ing at the back of a lot it is a sight ly large amount of grain can be saved was gazing with wistful eyes across supplies the specification. A little worth seeing. The seeds are used for in this way. the ocean which kept him there, an excitement has been caused in a Hay-Scarlett Trent has just formed a syndicate to work."

Davenant nodded.

"Yes. It was a terrible risk they of in the least disposed to make conting the least disposed to make conting the syndicate and the Lodge that night was the wonderful, new thing which he had come into his life. A month ago had come into his life. A month ago he would have scoffed at the idea of not in the least disposed to make conting save the wonderful, new thing which he had come into his life. A month ago had obeisance to her assorted lot of these knives should be sent to the War Office. The order is not in the least disposed to make conting save the wonderful, new thing which he had come into his life. A month ago had come into his life. The order is not in the least disposed to make conting the wonderful, new thing which he had come into his life. A month ago had come into his life. The order is not in the least disposed to make conting the wonderful, new thing which he had come into his life. The order is not in the least disposed to make conting the wonderful and the wonderful an

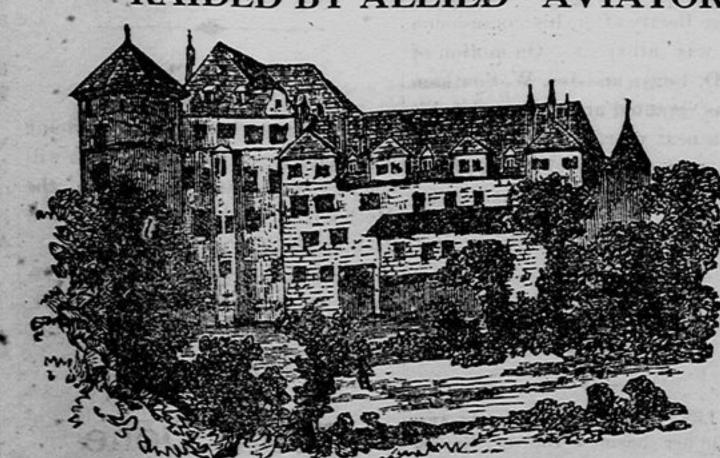
He Decided.

He Opened It.

A little girl stood one day before a please open this gate for me?" The you know," Trent continued, "and I past all human help. Yet he knew man did so. Then he said, kindlyhe passed to and fro, he fancied more said the little girl, "the paint's not

you try it on I'll queer the market for breath to the wind rustling in the elm- windows, which were only to be found Austria, they would be relaxed for all work thoroughly. No one can rise you at any risk. I won't marry your trees, fancying he could hear that in the houses of the wealthy, were daughter, I won't be blackmailed, and same passionate cry ringing still in considered so precious that when peo-I won't be bullied. We're in this to- his ears—the cry of an old man part- ple left their houses for a time they gether, sink or swim. If you pull me ed from his kin and waiting for death used to take the windows out and put them carefully away.

FAMOUS STUTTGART PALACE RAIDED BY ALLIED AVIATORS



Above is a sketch of the palace of the King of Wurtemberg at Stuttgart, Germany, which was attacked by aeroplanes of the Allies ir retaliation for Zeppelin raids on London and other open towns. It was built in 1746 and is situated in the heart of the Capital of Wurtemberg.

Fresh and Refreshing

is composed of clean, whole young leaves. Picked right, blended right and packed right. It brings the fragrance of an Eastern garden to your table. BLACK, MIKED OR GREEN



Hints for the Farmer.

Every farmer should raise bees. Dryness is more essential than warmth in the hog-house.

crop for the fruit farmer.

Late-sown carrots, beets, etc, store whatever it may be.

Cut out and burn the old raspberry and keep out all the weeds. Alfalfa offers one of the best honey

making materials. Alsike is also valuable, as is sweet clover, which may be grown to advantage in most

Aristocrats.

Mrs. Da Souza he answered only in night he knew that all he had done so issue of such weapons to the rank and many powerful persons in Austrian ed her. depressed, stole away before dessert, foot was planted only on the thresh- trench daggers, as well as helmets, court etiquette could be modified; but would be queen. It is only in Hun-The nobility usually marry those of because she was born Countess Cho-

their own rank, with the result that tek. One does not make abeisance to nearly all the families of the aristoc- countesses, even if they marry arch-"Supposing I decided to let you racy are related. Princess Karl, dukes who become emperors," she re-I shall get it back at the time you had fifteen brothers and nine sisters, The murder at Sarajevo made it im-* * * * mention?" said Monikins. "I pro- told the writer that at the last court possible to put this question to the ties to anyone who was not connected either directly or remotely with her

It was thought that the barriers of caste would be broken down if the Archduke Franz Ferdinand should Dishonesty seldom makes one rich, hardly be enforced. If they were so to do your thinking or to conquer Three hundred years ago glass royal birth to become Empress of the discharge of every duty. Do your those who now suffer exclusion from who slights work. Do not try to becess Karl, although she is very broad- and you will have a chance to rise, what you become."

"But they can be made queens in well as Emperor of Austria."

princess replied quickly. "The wife of the King of Hungary is his queen, even if she were a beggar girl."

chicken feed and a variety of pur-

Molting hens need particular care and attention. The change of coat is a big drain on the bird's system, and Honey is an especially profitable vitality. You must make up in food. An occasional feed of sunflower seed Bees are easier to care for than is good. Mix a little oil meal in the chickens, and yield good returns on mash, and give increased ration of meat, green bone, beef scrap, or

> their disposal. It makes it possible to keep several hundred hens on the ordinary farm without the expense of yarding them, and still have them away from the home buildings. It's the farmer's way.

From eight to fifteen colonies of bees are the right number for the average farmer to have, ten being usually preferable to a larger number, It will cost not less than 75 cents to and still fewer being desirable to Shops in London showing cutlery raise a baby Brahma chick up to the start with. For the fruit farmer in many parts of the country. The It pays to prepare vegetables as equipment cost for five colonies of

to gather up scatterings, loose bun-When it is necessary to prune trees, dles, etc., and by hauling grain on The mammoth Russian sunflower is all of the heads. In seasons when

own or Prince Karl's family.

that to them is as necessary and as ary. natural as the coming of night and day. "I was born Durchlaucht" (that | is, Serene Highness); "I have married a Durchlaucht; my children are Durchlauchts. How can I possibly recognize Countess Chotek as empress? Durchlauchts do not make obeisance to countesses, no matter whom they may marry. Countesses cannot be made empresses in Aus-

Hungary," I ventured, "and the archduke would be King of Hungary as

"It is different in Hungary," the "Then if the Duchess of Hohen-

"Certainly," was the immediate an-

We read in Chambers's Journal that "Then why not as empress?" I ask-

A FEW RULES.

Be Conscientious in the Discharge of Every Duty.

succeed his uncle, the Emperor; for if and when it does riches are a curse. his morganatic wife, Countess Chotek There is no such thing as dishonest (created Duchess of Hohenberg by success. The world is not going to the Emperor), became empress, de- pay you for nothing. Ninety per cent. spite his solemn oath to the contrary, of what men call luck is only talent the present rules as to birth could for hard work. Do not lean on others relaxed as to permit a lady not of your difficulties. Be conscientious in court for lack of princely blood. Prin- gin at the top. Begin at the bottom, minded, could admit no variation of and will be surer of reaching the top this rule. "In Austria," she said, "it some time. Be punctual. Keep your is what you are born that counts, not appointments. Be there a minute before time, if you have to lose your When I ventured to point out that dinner to do it. Be polite. Every this sentiment belonged to the Middle smile, every gentle bow is money in Ages, says the writer, her reply show- your pocket. Be generous. Meaned me the unchangeable point of view ness makes enemies and breeds disof the Austrian aristocrats. It is not trust. Spend less than you earn. Do mere vulgar glorying in pride of not run in debt. Watch the little birth; it is the acceptance of a fact leaks, and you can live on your sal-



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hot needles being driven flesh-in the thigh; perha legs to the ankles - the None but the victim car torture. But the suffere grow discouraged for the in Dr. Williams' Pink I pills make new, rich, red soothes and strengthens nerves, and thus frees the and restores the sufferer activity. In proof we gi ment of Mr. Thos. D. I pella, Sask., who says: " ed with sciatica which gr worse until I was confine for three months I had and turned in my bed as unable to help myself. greatest torture from th bing pains that accomp movement. I consulted tors and took drugs and til I was nauseated, but ting any benefit, and I lieve I would be a contin Finally I was prevailed Dr. Williams' Pink Pill taking them for about sit able to get out of bed. I kept steadily improvin free from this terrible malady."

The most stubborn cas will yield to Dr. William if the treatment is persis pills are sold by all me or will be sent by mail ing The Dr. Williams' Brockville, Ont.

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