CHAPTER II

THAT MISS WILLIAMS.

Jessica bewailed her fate greatly to her confidante, Flora Williams, the "woman" straight off. "Ask Miss Williams tailor's dresses, talked a little slang, smok- despise her) had not made her acquaint- hands." ed an occasional cigarette, and spoke of her ance. collegefriends by their surnames unprefixed. She affected eyeglasses, too, and kept a she came to be inspected she must try to look number of heavy tomes in a locked book- like a chaperon. Consequently Flora was case. Otherwise there was nothing very hardly recognizable. She had left her smart learned about her, nor was she half so keen spy-glasses at home with her tailor-made for culture and superiority as was Jessica frock. She wore round blue spectacles, a Nevill.

years ago," she confessed to her friend; ly on serious subjects; and Mr. Nevill was and Jessica, hardly grasping the profound delighted with her, and began to reconsider bearing of this remark, replied frivolously his opinion of Girtonians. Jessica was fly-(for even Jupiter nods sometimes):-

times saw too many women? I admit I streaming ribbons. She looked a child, and like men best. All I object to is the sup- Miss Williams surveyed her benevolently, position that we must want to marry like a mother. Mr. Nevill withdrew all

"you yourself, Jess, you wanted to marry quested. Mr. Hobson.

me. And I shouldn't feel like that again. It was only that I was so unaccustomed to already with her mother. Lady Monasterthat kind of thing. Next time when a man even has to return soon, and then Jessica and makes love to me I shall distike it."

"Are you sure?" "It is just what I dread about John. He | travel home together." will think it proper to make love to me, and then I shall hate him. If I could only see him without his knowing me, Flora!" "But, judging from Mr. Hobson's experi- "We will do exactly what you advise, ence when he made love to you--"

me sick." ed when mamma read us those love scenes | person. from the novel. I saw you. Don't you like

reading them to yourself even, Jessica!" "That's different." don't, publicly and in the abstract, approve | when Jessica burst into his room, crying of love-making, Jess; but when Mr. Hobson out that a most shocking thing had occurgot down on his knees before you-"

I shouldn't dislike the idea of your John so go there on any account. Mr. Nevill was name?" much. Engaged! And with a man coming in dismay, remembering the inflammable in three months to make love to you! I Mr. Hobson. dare say he'll do it better than Mr. Hobson; "But Flora and I might go somewhere so cheer up, Jessica, and come and see my else, papa," suggested Jessica.

new dress." said Miss Jessica, "talking in that silly fever. Go somewhere else." And he way. But oh, Flora, what a very beautiful proposed Florence, where was Jessica's dress !"

young women were, their interest in mere niece would befriend the lonely travelclothes was perhaps excessive. Books and lers. lovers were quite secondary to-day, and every day.

Next month Mr. Nevill had to go away the first stage to either places." to Wales on business, and he was exercised in his mind about leaving Jessica, the be- gown, please, dear child), and you had bettrothed heiress, so near Mr. Hobson; for ter keep your money as much as possible in the good curate being of nervous tempera- English gold (that box of collars, please, ment, and apt to be precipitate, might Jessica). It passes everywhere (don't easily stumble into love-making again, and tumble over my boots). And write to me Mr. Nevill, unable to distinguish among very often, my dear." girlish caprices and fancies, had always considered his daughter a little sentimental | "you know you never get my letters when about her rejected suitor. So this person you are in Wales. I shan't write often." and that of her aunts and elderly cousins did her father suggest as a visitor during his absence, but Jessica would none of them, and Mr. Nevill's alarm about Mr. Hobson

"Go to town to your grandmother, Jessica, and buy some new gowns." "Thank you, papa; I have just laid in

"Then begin your trousseau." "I will wait, papa, till I see how I lik

Cousin John.'

"Tut, my dear, tut !"

that John belongs to your generation, not to mine?" "But he is your age, Jessica, Near

"Papa, people always belong to their generation. I am sure John is quite old in his mind and in his ways. I have heard you say, papa, you don't approve of

marriages between persons of different gen-"Tut, my dear !"

"But, indeed, papa, I can't begin my trousseau till I have seen him." "Then go to Aunt Lucy at Bourne-

mouth." "She has not invited me." "Or to Miss Snow at Bankside."

"Her spare rooms are full, papa."

"Well, where will you go?" asked Mr. Nevill, in despair.

Jessica answered that question a few days later. She came running to her father one morning with sparkling eyes and a pretty, pleading look on her face. He knew that look; she wore it when she had set her heart on some innocent pleasure which it would be his delight togrant. He smiled encouragingly, and held out his hand; for Jessica had, asked nothing of him since her betrothal nor been like his merry, sweet little coax

"Oh, papa! dear papa! do say yes! Do. Just while you are away! Think how stupid for me all alone here. Do say yes! Do let

"Why, to be sure I will. It's what I've been looking for-a place to serd you to while I'm away. Where do you want to

"It's a letter from Flora, papa." "Oh! That Miss Williams? Well, suppose you must go if you wish it."

"They are going abroad, papa, and wan me to go with them. "Bless me! Who are 'they?"

"Flora and her friend Miss Talbot,

"Who is Miss Talbot, and how old is

"A little younger than Flora. She is still at Girton. And her mother is the Dowager Viscountess of Monastereven." "Dear me! But who is the chaperon of

his party?" " Flora, papa."

"But she's only a young girl like you." "Papa! Why, she's years older than I. And so sensible. She and Talbot-I mean Miss Talbot-went to Vienna last year alone. Sirton girls, papa, don't require chaperons. Oh, please, lat me go. You

forget what a dull life I am going to have with only that elderly cousin of yours! Do give me one little month of fun first."

"Mr. Nevill hadn't the heart to say no four years her senior, who had been to Gir- lunch," he said, "and let me see if she is a ton, and whom Jessica exhalted to a throne proper person to take charge of you." For

Jessica wrote to Miss Williams that when gown of her mother's, a long mantle, a "I admire old maids less than I did five | bonnet, and a thick veil. She talked graveing about in a white serge frock, rather too "I suppose, Flora, at Girton you some- short for her, and wore a broad hat with objection to the proposed trip, and promis-"But we do," said Flora ruthlessly; ed his daughter as much money as she re-

"And where, Miss Williams, do you pro-"Oh no. Only just while he was asking pose to go?" he inquired of the chaperon. "Oh, to Rome. Tal-Miss Talbot is there I will stay on with Miss Talbot at the same hotel. After about a month, we three will

"It sounds suitable," said Mr. Nevill; and began looking up routes in the Conti-

"Oh, do stop about Mr. Hobson! And Jessica jumped into her father's arms and you know, Fiora, this talking of lovers makes kissed him. She had not been so gay for "Yes, dear," said Flora; "you blush- first frolic, is highly exciting to a young pigeon be assumed whenever and wherever the New York Central, "999." weeks. She was going on a frolic, and a

At the eleventh hour, however, the plans for the journey of the two ladies was all overturned. Mr. Nevill was packing, and "No, you goose, it's all of a piece. You rather in a fuss preparing for his departure, red. Miss Tabot had got Roman fever, and

"It is only that I am older than you, dear. liams positively refused to let her daughter sica, if you will appear under an assumed only rival, "999." Mr. Winby, needless to burden, and never began to meet the needs

"Yes, yes, of course," assented Mr. "You do yourself the greatest injustice," Nevill readily. "Keep away from the uncle with nine daughters; or Cannes, Considering how strong-minded these two where one Mrs. White and her grand-

Jessica pouted. "We can make up our to you plan, dear?" mind as we go along," she said. " Paris is

"Very well, my love (fold my dressing-

"Papa," said Jessica, packing busily,

CHAPTER III. WILLIAMS AND TALBOT.

So Mr. Nevill went to Wales, and on the same day the two young ladies crossed if you tried passing yourself off as a wholly to Calais. Flora declared her opinion that imaginary person, you would say that you to be "at a loose end" was the pleasantest had six brothers to-day and to-morrow sixway of travelling, and that Abraham was teen! But you know exactly how many the wise man, who went out not knowing brothers Talbot has. Represent her, Jeswhither he went. It is needless to remark | sica. that Miss Williams had restored the flopping mantle and the poke bonnet to her Jessica, breathless with excitement. mother's wardrobe. She and her friend were "Papa! exclaimed Jessica suddenly, dressed alike in dark blue, with smart little who had now thoroughly entered into the pressure and will work to 200 pounds on the felt hats and Eton jackets. Their fellow- jest, "it is the kind of thing to delight the square inch. passengers looked admiringly at the two Talbot immensely. I never knew a girl so pretty young creatures and wondered who fond of a naughty joke. Oh! I'll undertake

Their ultimate destination still undecided my love: that while you are personating they stayed two days in Paris, and came to her you do nothing scandalous. Don't for the conclusion that Frenchmen were sometimes rather staring and rude. Then one I should say permit no love-making." evening Flora wrote the names of several countries on slips of paper and jumbled in tones of the greatest disgust; and they and drew one out. Sprin was written on it, ciding that Miss Williams might retain her of the New-York Central to race its locomo- victory rested with Manchester, and Parliaand the younger girl, cried "Hurrah !" and own name, as she was unimportant and the

Jessica.

But neither on that night nor the next could the maiden lady (so Mr. Nevill had described Miss Williams to his mother inof scheme it was.

from thence each wrote home. This duty Medes and Persians. accomplished, Jessica pulled a wise face ng manner:-

Flora, with a cough.

"John Farquhar is not at the Rock," said his betrothed; "he is at Tangier -on for the world have abandoned the search 1886, when Upper Burmah was annexed, the leave, I suppose. That kind of man is al- for the captain. ways on leave. Have you heard much of Tangier, Flora?"

"Not much." about three hours from Gibraltar, and is a and on this occasion crowded with Moors reaching fifty-five millions of rupees. Upvery old-world place, which reminds one of and Jews, all very seasick. Some first- per Burmah is now as peaceful and almost the 'Arabian Nights.' But there is a class passengers there were, however; an as prosperous, and is troubled with, if any-French hetel. Would you like, Flora, to elderly lady with a husband; a lonely man thing, less brigandage or dacoity than Lower

see Tangier?" ing for the commencement of the love- blazoned on all her luggage; and lastly, a machinery of Burmah has become somewhat making?"

than ever. "Flora, how much money have you? much.

What is your fortune?"

or three hundred more." Flora, it seems to me the greatest pity you | "twelve dollars." Presently they were are not going to marry John Farquhar, dragged before a superbly robed, whitewhen you can endow him nearly as well as bearded-and-turbaned gentleman, presum-

store him his house."

really glad to make up the trifling hundred also were the five men who, the moment of a scheme which, in one form or another, or two by which you are poorer than I, as the perfunctory examination was over, with masses of golden hair. She wore the line, and Mr. Nevill (being inclined to hands"

I do with him any better than yourself?" maidens under the noisy escort of an enorasked Flora.

You think the position romantic and pleas- and English was spoken, and five o'clock ing. You do not apparently disapprove of tea was the order of the day. Anomalous inconstancy, Flora, to the ideal, nor consid- civilization ! er it desecration to marry an unknown and commonplace man. And as you are handsomer and nicer than I am, John is more likely to fall in love with you than with | they say so?" me. And if he's incapable of love, why, he

else. Pray induce him to have you Flora.' "And do I understand, Jessica, that you to Captain Farquhar?"

"It is one of my reasons for going there. "And the others?"

"I expected you to guess, Flora. Men are so stupid that it is just possible John may still wish to marry me. But I altogether object to marrying a man I do not know. And how, I ask you, Flora, could I An English Locemetive Ready to Race the possibly learn to know a man who was tryto see this John before he arrives at home lish engineer and railroad builder who has Manchester, and eightsen miles from either as my fiance. I want to catch him una- designed and completed a four-cylinder lo-Mr. Nevill," said Flora meekly. And wares at Tangier, and see what he is like comotive, which he claims can run at a in 1708; and in 1712 the engineer who was airs of a pouter pigeon."

> my dear, that he might think it a little Charles Winby of London, and his loco- chester a water communication with Liversuperfluous, even a little bold, your seek- motive, which was on view at the World's pool, which was partly tidal and partly ing him in this manner in the ends of the Fair, and is still stalled in Chicago, is the canal. This waterway was in use until

must not know it is I."

"That is what I propose to do, Flora."

"But when Captain Farquhar comes to Nevill Lodge, he will recognize you, Jess; what will you say then ?'

Nevill Lodge at all. If, by extraordinary chief point of excellence that Mr. Winby of the Mersey at Runcorn, within half a objectionable, why, I shall explain to him boiler power than has heretofore been ob- way was connected with the tidal portion what I did, and why."

"Well, he may feel flattered; or he may not, Jessica. What would Mr. Nevill say

"I don't suppose papa would like it at papa's tastes now that he has become a larger in the same proportion. The boiler of bales of cotton have been carried from tyrant, Flora.'

"The plan is great," repeated Flora, but are we clever enough to carry it out? Shall we dress as young men, Jess, to perfect our resemblance to Rosalind and Imo-

"No," said Jessica, laughing; "I should not know how to behave as a young man. But I can behave very nicely as-Talbot for instance.'

Whereupon Flora jumped up and clapped

"The very thing !" she cried ; "you shall pose as Talbot the Girtonian ! For Jessica,

"Miss Talbot might not like it!" said "Talbot? My dear Jess," cried Fiora, to square Talbot. One condition though,

instance, elope with Captain John. In fact, "I-permit leve-making !" said Jessica, them in a hat, and Jessica put in her hand discussed further details of the scheme, de-

waved the piece of paper above her head, name was co nmon, and the wearer's conand jumped and danced hilariously about fidence in it would gain credit for them "Are you so pleased, Jess?" said Flora. " Ny dear," said the chaperon, " this

"I have a scheme in my head," replied whole plan is very naughty. Are you serious about it ?" "I am most serious," replied Jessica.

" I mean to do it. Flora looked hard at her friend, and then

and addressed her companion in the follow- called each other Williams and Talbot lively sense of favors to come, of which crossed from Europe to Africa. They had gratitud generally is said to be largely "Fiora, it is getting late in the season, slept one night at Gib, in the hotel composed. The favors the Burmese ask are, and Madrid is farther north than Seville at the Europa Point, and had walked happily, of a kind which Great Britain and Granada. Let us go to those places about that queer medley of a town, and ought to be proud to grant, and they are it is a notification to his physicians that while the weather is still cool. And, Flora, bought lace from Emilia Birch, and sought likely to be granted. Burmah is at present their salary is cut off till he is perfectly let us steadily set our face against bull- in vain for the tailless monkeys. Talbot ruled by a chief commissioner; its govern- well again. The passionate zeal with which fights, for, in my opinion, English people had a notion that John Farquhar might ment is in commission, and is more or less the regulars get his majesty back where should always set a good example. And have returned to the Rock, and whenever despotic. The Burmese want their country to their salaries will begin again is said to be Flora, don't you think we ought to see the they passed a haughty English officer, she be erected into a province, with a lieutenant something astounding. The result is that Rock, which is such a remarkable place in binched Flora's arm and whispered, "Oh governor, a high court, in which natives the emqeror is about the healthiest man be dear! Williams, could that be he?" And will be represented, and with a representation on the planet, and his physicians "And where Captain Farquhar is?" said Flora, being young herself and as yet rather tive in the viceroy's legislative council. starved in the matter of love affairs, was The reasons they give in urging their petisecretly much excited too, and would not tion are good. They point out that since

paddle-boat, and steamed away to Tangier; numerous, with a doubled internal trade, a and the voyage was not pleasant, for the sea-borne commerce increased to sixty mil-"I have read it up in Murray. It is sea was rough, and the Hercules is small, lions of rupees, and a doubled revenue, in a slouch-hat; a thin and strong-minded Burmah Under these circumstances it is "Jessica," said Flora, "can you be yearn- Mrs. Geoffrey Cobbe, whose name was em- not wonderful if the old administrative young officer from Gib, with whom she unequal to the task imposed upon it. Lord Jessica took a chair, and looked graver conversed persistently. Jessica was rather Lansdowne was able to promise that the seasick, and noticed none of these people country would be made a province, but he

The landing at Tangier was a little for the erection of the high court and repre-

hundred a year now, and eventually two pared for the half-naked and noisy Moors, who bustled them into a boat, rowed vio-"Then aren't you nearly as rich as I am? lently ashore, and incessantly clamored for ably a customs officer, who sat in the mud "Not quite; and besides, I couldn't re- and ordered all portmanteaux to be opened and instantaneously shut up again. His present. I assure you, Fora, I should be nomenal in quickness; supernaturally quick the completion of this work the realization the completion of this work the realization that the completion of the complet "You are most kind. But why should hill of the Soko, pursued by the panting mous negro. Williams and Talbot nearly "I see excellent reasons," replied Jessica, fainted with relief when they found themcounting on her fingers. "First, you want selves and all their goods deposited in to marry, and I don't. Then you like the unexpected safety on the floor of Bruzeaud's accounts we have had of John, and I don't. Hotel; where rooms were awaiting them,

> "I have it !" gasped Flora, "that black cannibal and his horde were sent by Monsieur Bruzeaud to meet us! Why couldn't

Jessica was leaning out of the window, will still get money with you, and we have smiling at the purple sea and the flat white no reason for supposing he wants anything town and the aloes and the cactus on the slope below the hotel.

"Do you know, Williams," she said, "I are taking me to Tangier to introduce me dare say papa would not like our having come alone to a place of this sort." "Have you only just thought of that, my dear Talbot ?" said Flora.

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EAGER FOR A TEST OF SPEED.

New-York Central's "999." There left for Chicago last week an Engwhen he is himself—not disguised in the greater speed and carry heavier loads than responsible for this work devised a scheme any other locomotive in the world, not under which the Mersey and the Irwell "But, Jessica—will not the airs of a cock even excepting the record-making engine of were to be made navigable to Manchester.

"James Toleman." One of the avowed about seven years ago, when the ship canal "I have thought of that. Flora, John purposes of Mr. Winby's visit here is to works interfered with it. It was, however, prove the capabilities of his engine, and, in never Flora started. "The plan is great," she sporting parlance, he is "spoiling" for a race with the iron horse he considers his larger than barges of seventy or eighty tons

to any amount. claims for his design is that it gives greater mile of the point at which the first watertained in any locomotive, without lifting of the Mersey. is constructed in two cylindrical segments, Liverpool through superposed. The chord stays are common to the two segments, so that, while the ordinary cylindrical boiler placed between of the canal which is now nearing comple-

driving wheels. each 7 feet 6 inches in diameter. The fight in Parliament before the scheme for "leaders" are driven by a pair of inside the present canal was adopted. Liverpool cylinders 17 inches in diameter, and with a was strongly opposed to the canal, and stroke of 22 inches. The trailing driving fought the promoters at every point. The wheels, of the same size, are driven by Liverpool City Council, the Liverpool Dock cylinders 161 inches in diameter, with a Board, and the railway companies whose

are 4 feet in diameter.

the square inch.

ture. The engine "999," he remarked, had struction of the canal. made a speed record of 1122 miles an hour. Should any other locomotive equal or excel that record an opportunity would undoubted ly be found for "999" to show how much better she could do.

Lord Lansdowne in Burmah.

Lord Lansdowne, the viceroy of India, Commissioner of Burmah rules a country At last they embarked in the Hercules twice as large and a population twice more thought some time would have to be given "My fortune? Oh, a competence. Six alarming to the two English girls, unpre-sentation in the legislative council.

MINCHESTER A SEAPORT

The Great Ship Canal-

Now An Accomplished Fact.

Marchester has just been celebrating the completion of its ship canal, a great waterway giving it direct access to the Irish Sea, and thence to the Atlantic Ocean, and with has been discussed at intervals for more than a century and three-quarters. It is popularly supposed that Manchester has always quietly acquiseced in the growth and develorment of Liverpool, and has been content that Liverpool should receive toll on the cotton and other raw materials imported largely from this side the ocean which are in such immense and increasing quantities in the industrial region lying within a cricuit of twenty miles from Manchester. This is a mistake. Manchester has always been jealous of Liverpool, and of her position on the estuary of the Mersey, and hasagain and again contemplated calling in the aid of the engineer to right her wrongs with Liverpool.

Long before Liverpool had begun to draw to herself the trade with what were then the American colonies, when Bristol had still the monopoly of the

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and Liverpool was but a small place (owning some eighty or ninety ships), Manchester was moving with a view to securing some of the advantage which it was felt ought to accrue to her, owing to her nearness to the sea. Manchester stands on the Irwell, a tributary of the Mersey, and the Mersey is navigable for ships of three or four hundred tons burden as far as Warrington, which is exactly midway between Liverpool and The engineer in question is Mr. Frederick works were carried out which gave Man-

AVAILABLE FOR VESSE LS factory had commenced. Forty years after The "James Toleman" was built last this waterway was made. Brindley, with year in six months, in the workshops of R. the aid of the Duke of Bridgewater, con-& W. Hawthorne, Leslie & Co. of New- structed the picturesque canal which is now "Most likely I shall hate him so much | castle-on-Tyne, one of the oldest firms of known by the name of the Dake. It is that I will never allow him to come to locomotive builders in England. The twenty-one miles long, and joins the estuary

> the centre of gravity to a dangerous height. Like the waterway constructed in 1720, The heating surface of the "James Tole- the Bridgewater Canal is for barges only. man" is 2,000 square feet, one-third greater It doubled the means of communication by than in any other English locomotive, water between Liverpool and Manchester, while the area of the grate, 28 feet, is also and along these two old waterways millions

> > THE GARDEN COUNTY

lateral diameter of the boiler is not greater of Cheshire into the heart of the cotton than will pass between a pair of driving manufacturing district of Lancashire. But wheels of large diameter, the vertical dia- Manchester has always desired something meter is greater, the tube plates deeper more than barge canals, and various schemes and of greater area, and the tubes them- for ship canals were discussed before Parliaselves larger and more numerous than in an ment gave its sanction to the construction

There are two pairs of driving wheels, There was a long, bitter, and wearisome stroke of 24 inches. The "bogie" wheels lines connect the two cities spent about a quarter of a million sterling in lawyers' The weight of the engine, loaded, but fees and in fees to expert witnesses in enwithout tender, is sixty tons. It has, so deavoring to defeat the proposals for the its designer claims, a tractive power of waterway. Never in the history of private 143.8 pounds for every pound of effective bill legislation was there a bigger or a more No encouraging assurance has come from | were two English cities set in antagonism the New-York Central management that as were Liverpool and Manchester in the the famous locomotive, "999," will be pitted early eighties, when the Ship Canal scheme against any other locomotive in any test of | was before Parliament. In 1883 Liverpool speed for stakes or otherwise. Third Vice was triumphant. Parliament threw out the President H. Walter Webb received a pro- | Ship Canal bill. Two years later a new position some time ago from persons who and greatly amended scheme was submitdesired to back an English locomotive ted to Parliament. Again the fight between against the New-York Central's wonderful Liverpool and Manchester was waged for flier. He replied that it was not the desire nearly half the session, but this time tive against locomotives of other manufac- ment passed a bill empowering the con-

Probable that Wasn't True.

A certain clergyman in early life had met with an accident which left him with a broken nose, a deformity about which in spite of his piety, he was known to be a little sensitive. One day a new enquirer law) extract from her charge what manner they both dissolved into delightful laughter; has just been on a visit to Burmah, whose propounded the old question:—"How hapunder the influence of which the plan be- people gave him an exceedingly warm wel- pened you to break your nose?" The min-They travelled straight to Madrid, and came a resolution fixed as the law of the come, in which they referred gratefully to ister answered solemnly:-"To tell the all that had been done for them, but their truth my friend, the accident was caused Three days later the maiden ladies who gratitude was not altogether free from that by my poking my nose into other people's

> Getting Efficent Medical Attendance. As soon as the Emperor of China is sick

seldom lose a day's salary. Jack and the Grindstone-New Version. "Gracious, Johnny, wherever have you been all the afternoon?" exclaimed his

mother as the heir of the house made a late appearance at the supper table. "I was over on Spadina avenue, ma, at Mrs. Sharp's." "Why, what has that wretched woman

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been getting you to do for her now? Go to the kitchen, Johnny, you are soaking. "Well, ma, I did shovel her snow, but she paid me such a compliment when it was

"Oh did she?" asked the surprised mother. "How very unlike her. What did she say?"

"She wondered how it was you possibly could have such a nice little boy." - Toronto Empire.

A URIPPLE CAUGI

A Cunning Fraud Who Rad De Montreal Public for Yes

When No body's Looking he Jun runs Home.

The other night, says the Mon ness, there was a scene enacted gan's store which could not bu the most sceptical that the days a.e not good. For a year past

been a cripple in Montreal who profound sympathy and has rak els of coppers from tender-heart He is all bent and doubled. expression of suffering on his I ful to see; while his little o conscientiously plays every of the most doleful manner excit liest sympathy for its owner, w in a corner, covered with a wr or sack. He is indeed a sorry dividual and has been spoken derful freak of nature. People dered how the poor creatur home with his consumptive problem was solved last nig

amazing. Nothing but a mit pla in the wonder. The hour was 11.30 p. m. bundle of rags still turned the pumped air into the decayed veteran organ. The latter con sing the old songs "it sang lon There was not a soul in sight the arm ceased to move. Had poor tired body ? Had the he winter frozen the last drop o in the poor cripple's body ? yet too late ! See, the poor slowly to and fro and the pain vacantly up and down St. Cat

there is not a soul in sight. Wonderful, wonderful! th vanishes as if by magic; the stretch out, the bent hands v the cramped legs, the body lo appearance and becomes strai rod. Patience, patience, there more to tell, the miracle is alm The coat next is removed from of the face and the wounds w the giver of charity had imagi were happily absent. Now con Up springs the poor medican hand seizes the organ and thi back that looks broad and st carry a mule.

That is not all. There c elightest doubt of this mira was lame, to warm his cram; off along St. Catherine and d ander street at a pace like th The miracle is performed tween 11 and 12.

THE JEWS IN PAL

Travellers in Palestine has that the number of Jews in increasing. The reports which culated with reference to the ever, have always been more In the last number of a jo by the German Palestine So Verein) Dr. Dalman, of the Leipzig, has a careful and tion of the Jewish populat Land. From this the follo

has been condensed: The Jewish population during the ten years between increased from 13,920 to 25 the latter date about the people of the city were Je not room for them all " Jewish quarter" within therefore built themselves the northern and western g considerably to the extent city. These houses are us in groups under the direction society interested in the Jews to their country,

tenants on terms to su stances. Besides those in Jeru numbers of Jews in other especially Jaffa, Hebron, and Safed-in all, 15,849. The most interesting

however, is the appearan of Jewish colonies in vari tine. There are no fewer in the vicinity of Jaffa. there are 1,016 Jews of a gaged in cultivating 11, The principal crop is w grain also in large quant There is a small colony of tract of 1,250 acres of la In the northern part of are several colonies. Palestine, consisting Jews, occupies 2,758 ac Mount Carmel and the In the neighborhood of S

with 486 members, wh 5,303 acres of the (to th It appears, therefore, were in 1891-2,612 Je gaged in earning their l and that they have t acres of land. These t not represent the ext movement has progress land under cultivation ecres more that have b purposes of colonizat this is in a single trac near the line of the pr Haifa to Damascus. chased by Baron Edm is more or less interest the colonies now in on

The whole number of tine, according to Di and the whole amount or those interested in Two facts with re

ment are favorable to there are men of grea behind it; and (2) to have been wisely people have been themselves to agricu settled on some of the tine.

The I "What you reading "Dare-devil Dan Dago." "Is ne any use?" "Well, s-a-y! I takes ninety-eight c

he comes near gittin

every chapter !"