HIS INDIAN

A ROMANCE OF THE CANADIAN NORTH-WEST

CHAPTER VI. - (CONTINUED.)

"Lady Haldwell has a fine talent for irony," he said, "but she does not always use it wisely. In a man it would bear another name, and from a man it would be differently received." He same close to her. "You are a brave woman," he said, "or you would have been more careful. Of course you knew

Armour," she said ; "you are trying, really. This seems almost melodramatic; and melodrama is bad enough in Drury Lane."

"You are not a good friend even to yourself," he answered.

point, for her husband's father had made ventional sentences, made simple as for a but he said "How!" and, reaching out his

with a cry, "Oh, Richard, Richard !"she Haldwell nothing at all. The Armours had game, and we at last have to beg of you for but it was not ignoble. She kept one thing exercises of the dancing girls. In the said, with a sob, threw her arms ever his not been human if they had failed to enjoy food and shelter. Then you take our in view; she lived for it. Her translation southern part of this strange city, which is the most populous the mechanical slaves of shoulder, and let her forehead drop on his their daughter-in-law's success. Although daughters, and we know not were they go. breast. Then came a sudden impulse in they never, perhaps, would quite recover the his blood. Long after be shuddered when disappointment, concentrate the down from the days on the project of their trades for the project of their his blood. Long after he shuddered when disappointment concerning Lady Agnes thistle. We see them not, but you remain. days on the prairies, the buffalo-hunt, and ply their trades for the profit of their tracking the deep tribal battles, the land mistresses. This woman's city is as selfhe remembered what he thought at that marting, the result was so much better And men say evil things. There are bad than the mistresses. This woman's city is as self-silent bours of winter and the world, it

she said. "I would have killed her if I had in Lali's presence that the child, or one as conscience, though he had played some rare not thought of you. I want you to stay; I sweet, was not hers. Her husband evi- tricks with it of late, and it needed more

seldom that she had shown emotion in the as his temper, had grown somewhat un- "Eye-of-the-Moon, I don't think I can past two years, and it was the more ample certain. His popularity in the Hudson's talk as poetically as you, even in my own when it did break forth. But she dried her Bay country had been at some tension language, and I shall not try. But I eyes, and together they went to the nursery. since he had shipped his wife away should like to ask you this: Do you be-She dismissed the nurse, and they were left to England. Even the ordinary savage lieve any harm has come to your daughter alone by the sleeping child. She knelt at mind saw something unusual and un- -to my wife?"

"Lali," he continued, presently, "it is found occasion to reprove a half-breed, by strange appearance to his iron-featured

earnestly, almost solemnly, his lips twitch- back to England and face it all: the you think I have done Lali azy harm?"

oman, with a good hus- all. nued, "there is no onetrembled, and then dropped her

e happy," he went on: "there is no one I care more for than for Frank." She lifted her face to him now, in it a strange light. Then her look ran to con-

fusion, and she seemd to read all that he meant to convey. He knew she dia. He couched her shoulder. "You must do the best you can ev y-

way, for Frank's sake, for all our sakes. I will help you-God knows I will-all

"Oh, yes, yes," she said, from the child's pillow. He could see the flame in her cheek.

and again in his old, unconscious way. Then he let it go, and went slowly to the door. There he turned and looked back at her. He mastered the hot thought

"God help me?" she murmured from the

The next morning Richard went back to Greyhope.

CHAPTER VII.

A COURT-MARTIAL.

It was hard to tell, save for a certain defiberateness of speech and a color a little ed occasionally, and often a little reckless Armour between his teeth, oblivious, for the moment of Eve-of the Moon's presence more pronounced than that of a Spanish in action and speech. In hunting bear and the moment, of Eye-of-the-Moon's presence. woman, that Mrs. Frank Armour had not moose he had proved himself more daring Presently, bethinking himself, he turned to you happy?"

ard's prophecy had been fulfilled, and as he London season, he found his scheme in worksit alone at Greyhope and read the Morning ing order, and the necessity of going to Post, noticing Lali's name at distinguished England was forced upon him. gatherings, or, picking up the World, saw Actually he wished that the absolute how the lion-hunters talked extravagantly necessity had presented itself before. There that my mother and sister were not at home." self that he had foreseen her triumph but then! Here now was a business need; lars or so. She smiled languidly. "And why of where others looked for her down-fall, and he must go. Yet he did not fix a day "I do not know that; only I know that her, but she had been an angel, and a hardly have believed himself such a coward. I think so; and I also think that my very unsatisfactory one, if it had not done With liberal emphasis he called himself a brother Frank's worst misfortune did not so. As her confidence grew (though out- sneak, and one day at Fort Charles sat occur when Miss Julia Sherwood trafficked wardly she had never appeared to lack it down to write to his solicitor in Montreal greatly), she did not hesitate to speak of to say that he would come on at once. herself as an Indian, her country as a good Still he hesitated. As he sat there thinkcountry, and her people as a noble if dispos- ing, Eye-of-the-Moon, his father-in-law, sessed race; all the more so if she thought opened the door quietly and entered. He reference to her nationality and past was had avoided the chief ever since he had being rather conspicuously avoided. She come back to Fort Charles, and practically What a discoverer you are! And how with her husband's solicitor, she asked him flushed slightly with annoyance. But preshad asked General Armour for an interview had not spoken to him for a year. Armour much in earnest! Do come back to the to send no newspaper to her husband con- ently with a touch of his old humor he rose,

the 'engineer hoist with his own'-tor- from him but once, and that was after she intimate for such close relatives. had come to know the truth about his mar- The old Indian did not fully understand He paused before the last word to give it riage with her. She could read in the con- the meaning or the tone of Armour's speech his money out of torpedoes. She felt the child, the strained politeness, and his abso- hand for the pipe offered him, lighted it, sting in spite of herself, and she saw the lute silence as to whether or not a child had and sat down, smoking in silence. Armour been born to them, the utter absence of waited; but, seeing that the other was not "And then we will talk it over at the affection for her. She had also induced yet moved to talk, he turned to his letter end of the season," he added, "and com- General Armour and his wife to give her again. After a time, Eye-of-the-Moon said husband's solicitor no information regarding gravely, getting to his feet, "Brother !" "You stake much on your hazard," she the birth of the child. There was thus apaid. glancing back at Lali, who still stood parently no more induced up, then rose also. The vanity which both many suitors and save inhabitants of this woman's city) the said, glancing back at Lali, who still stood parently no more inducement for him to Indian bowed to him courteously, then sat vanity which hath many suitors, and says, inhabitants of this woman's city), the hurry back to England than the land of the said of She left the room. Richard heard the he had sent her off on his mission of retali- corner of the table and waited. door close after her and the servant retire. ation, which had been such an ignominious "Brother," said the Indian, presently, As he did so, she ran forward to bim had been short-lived, the affront to Lady us. You come and take our land and our failure. For the humiliation of his family "you are of the great race that conquers

attached. Marion was his faithful slave him, he had taken it very calmly,—he in times the hunger for its freedom, and its every kind and degree, and every function He took her gently by the arm and led and admirer, so much so that Captain Vid- fact, had been superior. But there was idleness, and its sport, came to her of every nature is exercised by women and by them only. The normalistic property of the poly of the po her to a chair, speaking cheerily to her. all, who now and then was permitted to see dignity in the chief's manner; there was greatly; but she thought of her child, and by them only. The permanent population Then he sat down beside her, and all at the child, declared himself jealous: he and solemnity in his speech; his voice conveyed she put it from her. She was ambitious of this city is estimated at 9000. once again, her face wet and burning, she Marion were to be married soon. The wedresoluteness and earnestness, which the for him; she was keen to prove her worth as flung herself forward on her knees beside ding had been delayed owing to his en- stoic calm of his face might not have sug. a wife against her husband's unworthiness. forced absence abroad. Mrs. Edward Lam- gested; and Armour felt that he had no leat had been saved her. She might have "Oh, Richard, I am glad you have come," bert, once Mrs. Townley, shyly regretted advantage at all. Besides, Armour had a lost had her life been without this motive. am always better when you are with me. I deatly shared her opinion, from the ex- hardihood than he possessed to face this old his son was likely that

She was in a tumult of feeling. It was digiously, chiefly because his judgment, swung his leg to and ire. Presently he said, the head of the little cot and touched the domestic in [it, and the general hospitalchild's forehead with her lips. He stooped ity declined a little. Armour did not im- smoke from his mouth, and, as he sat de-

"But he will care when he comes, and written oftener to his people—and to his heart, my brother, and tell me where my make her appearance in the evening doubt. began to blame himself for not having cowards who lie. Speak deep as from the lift they did tell her, and Frank happened Again she shuddered, and a whiteness ran had succeeded. He was almost ashamed Armour could not but respect the chief under the hot excitement of her cheeks. She of it now. He knew that he had done a for the way this request was put, but still said nothing, but looked up at him, then dishonorable thing. The more he thought it galled him to think that he was under "You do care for him Lali," he said, he became. Yet he dreaded to go to his wife, so he quietly persisted: "Do upon it the more angry with himself suspicion of having done any bodily injury ing slightly. "You must care for him; it reproach of his people; the amuse- "The thing is strange," replied the other. is his right: and he will-I swear to you I ment of society; his wife herself. He never "You are of these who are great among In his own mind another at a civilized be your people. You married a daughter of a thought the by mail this recatty his brother primitive people are quicker in the play of you stayed. Ter fat away and their passions and she had come to low girls to be as a dog in your

Se no one—like the father of fication. To be yoked forever to—a have crooked tongues." And no woman ever loved her savage! It was horrible! And their Armour sat for a moment longer, his face Marion were soon to carry but one name other end of the room, to prevent you seeore than you do yours." He knew children? It was strange he had turned to the open window. He was perto woman ever loved her children? It was strange he had turned to the open window. He was perto woman ever loved her children? It was strange he had turned to the open window. He was perto woman ever loved her children? It was strange he had turned to the open window. He was called into family ing what he is going to write. Then you ask him to put down the number of the He shrugged his shoulders. There might was about to reply to the chief, when the and the men were quite wrong it by 2, then add 5 to the sum and multiply beside the child's. "I want Frank possibly be a child, but children—never! trader entered the room hurriedly with a latter by 2, then add 5 to the sum and multino word had come to him concerning that ly when he saw Eye-of-the-Moon. Armour possibility. He was even most puzzled at felt that the trader had something import. for telling her the following morning, the difference. Suppose he is 49 years of when the function was and was born in February, the comthe beginning there had been no reproaches the paper. He mutely held out his hand no excitement, no railing, but studied kind- for it. The trader handed it to him hesiness and conventional statements, through tatingly, at the same time pointing to a which Mrs. Armour's solicitous affection paragraph and saying, "It is nearly two scarcely ever peeped. He had shot his years old, as you see. I chanced upon it bolt, and got-consideration, almost im- by accident to-day." perturbability. They appeared to treat the It was a copy of a London evening paper matter as though he were a wild youth who containing a somewhat sensational account another, that "she was riding a good deal;" here in the morning. Please send my men again, that " she appeared anxious to adapt to me."

At all these he whistled a little to him- all right, of course, long ago, Mr. Armour, self, and smiled bitterly. Then, all at once, or you would have heard. he got up and straightway burned them all. Armour looked at the date of the paper. He again tried to put the matter behind He had several letters from England of a He again tried to put the matter behind him for the present, knowing that he must later date, and these said nothing of her the smile itself did not come smile was at the lips. The smile itself did not come smile was at the English flag to Heligoland, Cuxhaven, as long as possible. He did his utmost to easy. Perhaps the first real sense of his brown,—most rare,—setting off her face as be philosophical and say his quid refert, duty as a husband came home to him there. but it was easier tried than done; for For the first time, he was anxious about the surprise when Marion entered She well before the relief the relief to the first time and confiscated. The two suspected persons were Jacques Pontiac's words kept rankling in woman for her own sake. The trader had surprise when Marion entered. She weltaken before the police authorities and round a vague load which made him abstract- "What a scoundrel I've been!" said hand, but said nothing.

hardiest of prairie and mountain men most- do her any injury; but, but-never loss, but subsequently made final arrange. ments for establishing a very large farm. they must live as man and wife should live, When he once became actually interest- and, as I said, I am going to my wife-your ed in this he shook off something of his daughter." parent that she was to be the pleasant talk, the thing. He had good talent for mitia- only property was a half-dozen ponies and a the interest of the season. This was tolerably tive and administration, and at last, in the comforting to the Armours. Again Rich- time when his wife was a feature of the

Lali herself was not elated: it gratified or make definite arrangements. He could world, Mr. Armour: you would be a relief, taining any reference to herself, nor yet to held out his hand, and said, ironically, She had never directly received a line had a big talk, isn't it? We are not very "Well, father-in-law, it's about time we

have missed you, and I know that baby traordinary notice he took of it when his man down. And why face him down?

America that day or the part. Frank had

"He's a grand little fellow," he said. about a year after his wife had gone, he out in little trailing clouds and gave a mediately guess the cause; but one day, bating, lips slightly apart, it came leaking time Frank came home. I am going to write name Jacques Pontiac; and Jacques, with face. He looked steadily at Armour, and for him. If he does not come at ence, I more honesty then politeness, said some said, "You are of those who rule in your "Never! never!" Her eyes flashed for his English hired devils to kill his wife. have much gold to buy and sell. I am a angrily. "Promise that you will not. Let Strange to say he did not resent this chief,"—he drew himself up,—"I am poor: him come when he is ready. He does not startling remark. It set him thinking. He we speak with the straight tongue; it is impossible to tell how it might affect her.

their passions, and she had come to love sight. Do me, whose hearts are clear act Presently he ate his heart out with morti- all, that I may say to the tale-bearers, You

I understand." She put out her hand to had been still more infrequent. In one did not ask for brandy, but the trader put had been still more infrequent. In one did not ask for brandy, but the trader put it out heads him. He shook his head. would yet mend his ways. He read over of Lali's accident. It said that she was in their companionship; there was the statement that "she was pro- it out beside him. He shook his head. gressing favorably with her English;" in "Gordon," he said presently, "I shall leave

been brought up in England. She had a than the oldest hunter, and proportionately kind of grave sweetness and distant charm successful. He paid his servants well, but "Eye-of-the-Moon, my wife is in England, "I've been debating," he said. which made her notable at any table or in was sharp with them. He made long hard at my father's home. I am going to any ball-room. Indeed, it soon became ap- expeditions, defying the weather as the her. Men have lied in thinking I would the rightly as when they discuss it freely. experience.

ly hesitate to defy it; he bought up much mind, the harm was ef another kind. It land, then, dissatisfied, sold it again at a isn't wise for a white man and an Indian to marry, but when they are married-well,

couple of tepees, required something very like moral courage; but then Armour had not been exercising moral courage during the last year or so, and its exercise was profitable to him. The next morning he was on his way to Montreal, and Eye-of the-Moon was the richest chief in British North America, at that moment, by five thousand dol-

> CHAPTER VIII. TO EVERY MAN HIS HOUR.

It was the close of the season : many peo. tended to remain during the rest of the sum- noble qualities of the women and children mer, in prefer ace to going on the Contin. of the harem. ent or to Scotland. The only unsatisfactory take her position in society. There was residences of the princesses of Siam. one thing on which they were all Not far off are the barracks of the Ama-

He had his cue. He rose, trembling a little.

"Come, come," he said heartily, "it's all right—my sister. Let us go and see the word seed to show him adout the cage of the wild beasts.

Lali was his daughter, blood of his blood, the chieftainess of one branch of his people, honored at least among these poor savages, and the old man had a right to ask, as have said, he had not written for months; his work by motions with a pail and sponge.

There dry word friends and admirers he was amiably produced.

Wife was not present. Not that Richard daughter, blood of his blood, the chieftainess of one branch of his people, honored at least among these poor savages, and the old man had a right to ask, as have said, he had not written for months; his work by motions with a pail and sponge.

The monific watched him closely and seed to show him about watched him c particularly brief; she was little more in his eyes than a thousand other Indian women, save that she was better-looking, was whiter than most, and had finer features. He could not very clearly remember the tones of her voice, because after marriage, and before he had sent her to England, he had seen little or nothing of her.

When General Armour re cved the news of Frank's return, he told his wife and Marion, and they consulted together whether it were good to let Lali know at once. make her appearance in the evening doubtful. Richard, the wiseacre, the inexhaustible Richard, was caring for his cottagers and cutting the leaves of new books-his chiefest pleasure-at Greyhope. They felt it was a matter they ought to be able to decide for themselves, but still it was the last evening of Lali's stay in town, and they did not care to take any risk. Strange to say, they had come to take pride in their son's wife; for even General and Mrs. Armour, high-minded and of serene him before he had begun to notice her at so? They have said great things of you. I on which a system of social notoriety re-

when the function was over. And the men

they had been as often at war as at peace; but they had respected each other, each after her own fashion; and now they had a real and mutual regard. Lali's was a slim, lithe figure, wearing its fashionable robes with an air of possession, and the face above it, if not entirely beautiful, had a strange warm fascination. The girl had not been a chieftainess for nothing. A look of quiet

"Lali," said Marion, somewhat abruptly, -she scarcely knew why she said it, - 'fare found among their effects.

IN A VEILED OIS

Mrs. Leonowens Spends Six Yen Harems-Female Police and Mrs. H. Leonowens, who spe at the court of the late King of the wife of a leading English m Singapore. She was about to England when the consul had a I Bangkok informing him that the charged him to find a highly-qualilish lady, who would accept the governess, to do her "best endea upon us and our children," of who were then some 65. Mrs. Leonowens upon the project, at first with reluand then with courageous enthusiasm, She had considerable difficulty in getting the King to fulfill his promise that she should have a separate house of her own outside the palace limits to live in. When finally settled she was introduced to her pupils in ple had left town, but festivities were still the schoolroom—the beautiful temple of on. To a stranger the season might have Watt Khoon Choom Manda Thai, "Temple seemed at its height. The Armours were of the Mothers of the Free," in the centre giving a large party in Cavendish Square be. of which stood a long table, finely carved, fore going back again to Greyhope, where, and some gilt chairs. It was here that her for the sake of Lali and her child, they in. eyes were first opened to the sufferings and

In the city of Nang Harm, or Veiled feature of Lali's season was the absence of Women, inclosed by the inner of two paralher husband. Naturally there were those lel walls round the royal palace, live none who said strange things regarding Frank but women and children. The houses of Armour's stay in America; but it was the royal princesses, the wives, concubines pretty generally known that he was engaged and relatives of the King, with their in land-speculations, and his club friends, numerous slaves and personal attendants, who perhaps took the pleasantest view of form regular streets and avenues, with the matter, said that he was very wise in- small parks, artificial lakes, and groups of deed, if a little cowardly, in staying abroad fine trees scattered over minature lawns and until his wife was educated and ready to beautiful flower gardens. These are the

"So far shalt thou go, and ____" The fact beautiful temple, with its long dim gallery is, Mrs. Frank Armour's mind was superior. and antique style of architecture, the gym-She had only one object,—to triumph over nasium and the theatre, where the princessinstant; what he wished to do; what rich than they in their cheerfullest moments words abroad. Brother, what have you silent hours of winter, and the warm supporting as any other in the world; it has its own laws, its indeed police grands. must not stay, or, if staying, what must be To their grandchild they were devoutly money of him, sponged on him, or abused the trough of a great land-wave. Some chants, brokers, teachers and mechanics of times the bunger for its fooders.

WASHED THE TIGER.

and the old man had a right to ask, as asked another more famous, "Where is my daughter?"

and before he started back he would not write, because he wished to make what ed to understand. Next morning, armed is only envious of you. Come, for his imsea was engaged with many things. His hands in his pockets, Armour sat amends he could in person. He expected with a broom, a bucket and a sponge, he sea was engaged with many things. His hands in his pockets, armour sat to find her improved, of course, but still he opened the first cage he came to and quietly ing her common prairie origin. His knowl- into two cages of harmless brutes, but this one happened to belong to a splendid liger that lay on the floor fast asleep.

At the noise made by opening the door the creature raised its head and turner its eyes full on the man, who stood in a cerner dipping his big sponge into the bucker At that moment Pezon cameout and was struck dumb by the sight. What could he do to warn the man? A sound might enrage the great beast. So Pezon stood still. The moujik, sponge in hand, coolly approached the tiger and made ready to rub him down.

The cold water on its hide pleased the tiger, for it began to purr, stretched out its paws, rolled over on its back and offered every part of its body to the treatment of the moujik, who went on scrubbing with might and main. All the while Pezon stood there with his eyes wide open, as if nailed to the spot. When he had finished his job the Cossack left the cage as quietly as he entered it. But he never did it again.

To Tell a Person's Age.

Here is something from German newspaper which will do two things for you besides what it pretends to do. It will amuse you, will give you practice in mental arithmetic as well as enable you to appear to your friends to be an extraordinarily gifted person. Says the newspaper in Armour and Captain Vidall were for silence ply the latter by 50, add his age to the age, and was born in February, the computation might stand thus: 2x2-4, plus 5 Marion was much excited all day; she -9, x50-450, plus 49-499, minus 365, had given orders that Frank's room should -134, plus 115-249; the last two figures be made ready, but for whom, she gave no indicate the age-viz., 49, and the first information. While Lali was dressing for figure, 2, February, the second month of the the evening, something excited and nervous year. You simply ask the person to state she entered the room. They were now the the result of the calculation, and then debest of friends. The years had seen many clare that he was born in February and is 49 years of age.

Experiment with this as often as you please, and it is sure to work, provided you do it correctly.

Arrested as Spies.

France is not the only country where the spy mania prevails. It has spread to Germany. At Kiel two Frenchmen have been comed her with a smile and outstretched examined. They remain in custody, as drawings of the fortifications of Heligoland, and sketches of the ironclad Kaiser, were

> We ought not to look back unless it L to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dear-bought