

CHAPTER L

"Its the only thing to do," said Alan, of him. thrusting his hands into his pockets and looking straight before him, "Here there is nothing for me, and, as you may, there is nothing to keep me here. it was her wish besides; and yet—yet hate leaving it."

just stuck on and made a precarious living, and I've but staved off the evil old country, and there's no Joan, is him.

there?" asked the old man, kindly. "No. No woman has ever been anything to me except my mother," said the lad.

Well, well time enough; there's sure to be," said Maspherson. "A fine ind like you!" As a matter of fact, the old man said, "Weel, weel," but that and not take away from the kindliness his speech. You've always got a friend in me. I wish I could help you substantially; but that isn't easy. Still, If you need it, I can make a push as well as my neighbors."

will pay my passage money and there's them, a good place waiting for me when I get out, so that there will be no need for me to go borrowing. I wish I felt a Richard Dempster consulted Alan, and Mittle more enthusiasm about making he offered to talk over the matter with money. It's said to be in Scots' blood, Hutchinson. It was after business but it fish't in me. I would fain stop hours, and the young man offered to and watch the clouds settling and the Englishman. He had not the round the hilltops all the rest of my least idea of spying upon him, because Wife than go to South America, and he had so many friends that he had make my fortune. Yet because my no need to seek any, and he was actumother wished it, and because she was ated solely by the wish to be useful to se syerjoyed when the offer came to his employer in what might become me. I feel it is just my duty to do it. | advantageous. neither more nor less."

to turn his back upon the little Scotch town. He was going as far as Glasgow, to take a steamer to South Amwifes. His story was simply this: A fad to whom his father had once given done so well at Rio that he was now than a town house. one of the foremost merchants there. He had remembered his benefactor, and a his counting house to Alan Macken-Mrs. Mackensie was dying of a afriful distant, and she saw in this for a fature for her son who she so anderly loved, and she was keen that ahould accept it. So that when she fied there seemed nothing for the lad to do but to go.

ally are at 21, having no experience in of a woman sobbing. He reined in his the world, and none of men and wom-He had worked at school always, heard the sound. The spirit of advenhaving been fond of his books, and he ture burned hot within him; the cryhad played outdoor games, so that he lng was so piteous, and Alan could not fairy tales were useless. - Weekly Telehad very little knowledge of either the bear to hear it. It was like that of graph. usual amusements or the perplexities some girl in pain. of life.

at it was with a lighter heart that you?"

an Mackenzie embarked finally.

se something and his father had loved he sen. He felt it was his own ele-When he reached Rio it was mark. He had a kind reception m Richard Dempeter and here again dan falt the charm of riches and wer. Dempster's house was one of heat in Rio, his clerks were well atd and his wife and daughters occuand a place second to none in society. master wanted Alan to become actomed to the work, and then to another branch of the house in mining town some hundred miles

Demoster had two daughters, fine. h handsome girls, but no sons. The obvious thing would have been Alan Mackenzie to have fallen in we with one of the girls, to have setdown comfortably and prosperly in Rio; but there was one thing not it. There was a little vein of nce in Alan's nature, and he disthe obvious. Besides, he had the So that although he was on er; she died years ago." of perfect friendship with Ina a mor wished for any stronger man who would strike a woman!"

man, every one joined in making fun

Most of the employes in the firm were married, and they constituted a little circle to themselves. Alan had the run of their houses, and soon began to feel at home; however, amongst them there was one man to whom he "I can well understand it, lad. I never took. An Englishman, Hutchwas the same. It is just in us Scotch- inson by name, a surly, red-haired men, this love of the land. And I had brute, with a magnificent head for fig-Joan, too, to keep me here; and so I've ures. He was the one man whom Mackenzie did not like, although he had never quarreled with him; but he says, for now my boys will have to fancied that it seemed as if Hutchin-We can't make a living in the son had a particular grudge against

This surmise on Alan's part was well founded, for, as a matter of fact, when Dempster found him so intelligent, he had thought it might be well to raise him to Hutchinson's place.

There was some mystery about Hutchiason. He lived in a house some little way out of town, and no one knew exactly whether he was married or not. Some affirmed that he had a daughter, who has almost reached woman's estate; others said that he never made any mention of any one. But, as a matter of fact, Hutchinson "Thank you kindly," said Alan Mac- never mentioned his private affairs at ensie, "but there will be no need of all, so it was not wonderful that the The sale of my poor little sticks rest of the firm knew nothing about

But one day there came some rather important tidings to the firm.

South American affairs have not the It did not take long for Alan Mac- stability of ours. A day's delay, even kensie to sell his few possessions, and a few hours, might mean the loss of many thousands. So Alan obtained Hutchinson's address from Dempster, and, in all good faith, went to find his colleague. It took him some little time to find the house. It was quite out of a free passage to South America had Rio, and was more of a country house

When he found it he was amazed at the beauty of his surroundings. when he heard of the captain's death, seemed to him that Hutchinson lived and written and offered a good place even in greater style than did Dempster, and that probably he did not wish this to be known. There was no reason why Hutchinson should not live as a rich man. He drew a large salary from Dempster, and there were many ways in which he could enlarge his

Alan rode on through avenues of He was a good looking lad, standing trees, fresh bowers of fruit and flowbout six feet in his stockings. He ers, gorgeous in their tropical wealth spouse, she aroused him, and asked and passed his twenty-first birthday, of color, and suddenly as he rode it but he was younger than lads gener- seemed to him that he heard the sound horse so as to make sure; he still

He fastened his horse to a tree, for-When he had finally said good-by to getting all about the financial crisis his native place his spirits began to and his errand. All the chivalry in his the within him. The world and ad- nature was stirred. He pulled aside renture were before him. He had said the boughs of the trees and came to nod by to the old life, but the new an open glade. A girl dressed in white there. He had never been so far had thrown herself on the ground; Glasgow before, and the big town, her slight body was shaking with sobs. the lighted streets and the ships | Alan watched her for a moment and the river, attracted him. After all, then he spoke. "You seem in trouble," was something pleasing in big he said in English, for, though the Large enterprises and wealth | girl's head was dusky, yet she did not Mrseted and had charms after all. So look altogether Spanish, "Can I help

The girl, startled by the voice, He loved the voyage, Heredity counts sprang up, and showed to Alan's gaze a face, disfigured by weeping, it is true, but of a perfect type of beauty. There was Spanish blood in her, as was testiith high hopes and resolves to make fled by the liquid, dark eyes, and the perfect oval of her face, and the slim, vet well-shaped limbs. Her mouth, too, quivering with emotion, was ripe and red, and the little white teeth were even and sharp.

She looked up for a moment at the handsome lad, who was watching her with such evident concern, and then she blushed and answered, with an attempt at self-possession that was very creditable, seeing the abandonment of grief in which Alan had found her: "It is nothing, sir. I would not do as my father wished, and he was angry and struck me."

"Struck you? The brute!" cried Alan. "The detestable brute! How dare he strike a woman?"

The girl's eyes were cast down; she seemed ashamed. Perhaps she had not yet realized her womanhood completely; she seemed very young. "He has dent man's dislike to being be- a violent temper, sir, and perhaps I do den to his wife for his advance- not manage him well. I have no moth-

"Fortunately for her," said Alan Dempeter, yet he neither grimly, "if your father is the sort of

"You see," said the girl, "it seems siris looked with favor on the that this is important. My father had ject lesson in municipal ownership. young Scotsman, who work promised my hand to a man-he is a The annual report of Supt. John Lorard of whom their father had Mexican Spaniard, and they think eas, just issued, show that the gas nothing of arranging marriages for works earned a net profit, above all always perfectly willing to you; but I could not marry him, I aid so, and my father is not used to | \$75.99. The electric light plant cleared eing thwarted. He was angry at \$8,218,14, and the water works, which

the firm of Dompoter !" said that Hutchinson could be the father of such a beautiful girl, and yet it was not unlikely, seeing that he had found her there.

"I work in his office," said Mackensie shortly. "Ah!" The girl looked up shyly.

"Are you Mr. Mackenzie?" "Yes," said Alan, "Has he spokes of me at all?"

"He does not like you," answered the girl. "He would not like me to be talking to you. He would be more displeased if he thought that you know he had struck me."

"He should not have done it, then," said Alan shortly. "The coward! can well believe it of him!"

"You do not know him?" she said. very anxiously. "But do not quarrel with him! It is not good to thwart

him!" "Possibly not," said Alan, "but these considérations do not affect me, you

. Her lips quivered, but she did not weep again. "They might affect me, though," she said, timidly. "How?"

"If he knew that I had told you. He does not like me to speak to say one. I have to bear it all alone," said the

Alan looked indignant. "I shall not betray you, Miss Hutchinson," he said, "but I wish---"

"You must wish nothing," said the girl, and she colored. "You must forget that you saw me weep. I am proud, and it troubles me."

"I wish I had no cause," he anawered: "but I have business with your father. I hope I may see you again."

She hesitated. "You will not tell father you have seen me?" she said. "He is strange-he does not like it to be known that he has a daughter, except to his Spanish and Mexican friends."

"I will say nothing," said Alan; "but mean to see you again."

He lifted his hat, found his horse, and rode up to the house.

(To be continued.)

Ate Shamrock for Watercrass. On the eve of St. Patrick's day a Birmingham woman, thinking the supply of shamrock might give out, took the precaution to buy a large quantity. She carefully placed the plant in a small dish, with plenty of water in, and let it remain on the table in the sitting room. Somehow it was late before the husband returned home that night, in fact it was midnight when the latchkey was heard at work. Perhaps it was business worry, but his footsteps sounded somewhat irregular, a trifle unsteady, as it were, but the wife heard him go into the sitting room, where he remained some time. Eventually he silently crawled up to bed. Next morning, what was the wife's surprise to see nothing but the roots of the shamrock left in the dish. Hurrying up to her still aleeping him what he had done with it. "Shamrock, what shamrock?" he heavily inquired. "Why, that I left in the glass dish downstairs." "That! Was that shamrock? Why, I ate it; I thought it was mustard and cress!" After that

An Imposing Spectacle.

A knight of the Garter dressed in the regalia is an imposing sight. He wears a blue veivet mantle, with a star embroidered on the left breast, His trunkhose, stockings and shoes are white, his hood and surcoat crimson. The garter, of dark blue velvet edged with gold, and bearing the motto, "Homi soft qui mal y pense," also in gold, is buckled about the left leg, below the knee. The heavy golden collar consists of twentysix pieces, each in the form of a garter, bearing the motto, and from fi hangs the "George," a badge which represents St. George on hosseback, encountering the dangon. The "leaser George" is a smaller badge attached to a bine ribbon worn over the left shoulder. The star of the order consists of eight points within which is the cross of St. George encircled by the

Money Value of Shakespeare's Fame. The London Financial News estimates that the fame which attaches to Stratford-on-Avon because of the fact that Shakespeare was born there is worth \$5,000,000 to that town. The charges for admission to the poet's house, to Anne Hathaway's cottage, to the church, to the memorial and to the grammar school aet \$150,000 yearly-a sum which is equivalent to an income of three per cent on the \$5,000,000 capital. This calculation does not take into account the income to the railways from the pilgrims to the Warwickshire Mecca, and there is no estitradesmen, who do a good business in photographs, pamphlets, and trinkets relating to the town and the great

Hamilton is giving Ohio cities an obexpenses and interest, last year, \$8,under a separate superintendent, as of more. In addition the properties

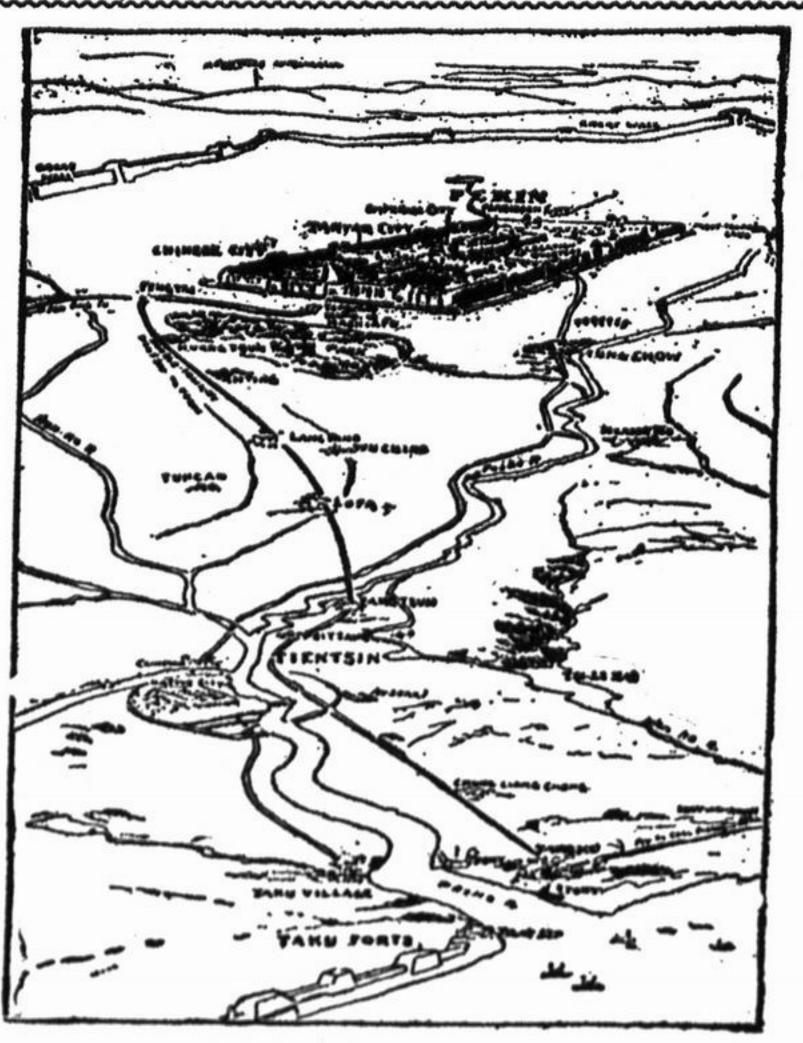
Tells of Conditions in China.

David Starr Jordan Writes from Shigua, Japan.

President David Starr Jordan of the Leland Stanford university, writing us from Shigua, Japan, says:

"The outbreak is the expression of a dissatisfaction which has been grow- native customs or prejudices, asking ing a long time in the north of China, nobody's leave and heeding nobody's which has relations with the outside objections. The Chinese do not want world very different from the trading | railroads. Still less will they consent and wandering people of the southern i to have them run through their grandparts. The first source of trouble and 'father's graves, and almost every foot perhaps the least, is found in the work of land is somebody's graveyard. They of Christian missionaries. Wisely or do not like mines, least of all those unwisely, some of these put themselves | conducted by 'foreign devils' in sacred in direct opposition to time-honored, hills, and they are incensed when or

"More potent toward immediate trouble has been the investor of railway and mining engineers who wander about the country often reckless of



MAP OF TROUBLED DISTRICT.

toms. The national feeling is weak in | ples. China, but the feeling for ancient customa, the feeling which we call conscience, bigotry or fanaticism, according to the way it affects us, is exceedingly strong.

grow rich through trade or service with 'foreign devils,' and they have learned the tolerance which commerce has freer sway.

but doubtless very objectionable cus- i is knocked off from the tombs of tem-

"Everywhere are found agents of syndicates eager to secure concessions, often doing nothing with them save to hold them for future speculation. The European nations forget sometimes "In the south of China the people that jurisdiction and ownership are two different things. Jurisdiction is costly, and unless it is in full accord with the will and the customs of the always brings. In the north bigotry people over whom it is exercised it is ineffective and unprofitable.

"This touches the third and most di rect cause of the present outbreak. The 'breaking up' of China, the partition among European nations, has been freely discussed throughout the civilixed world, not to the pleasure or ediffication of the Chinese. Spheres of the fluence have been freely laid out on paper by men who do not know that the true meaning of 'sphere of influence' is simply 'center of trouble."

"China is weak, but Chinamen are strong, and the future of the tropical Orient lies in their hands. Hiven in Siberia the Chinese gain foothold fast. er than Russian influence spreads China. China cannot be conquered, nor divided, nor retained by outside powers if it is once awakened and united. Some men foresee the formstion of two strong nations-Manchurin and China-instead of one nation.headless and irresponsible. Some concede Tartar Manchuria to Russia, in which case Japan will take Korea; which she does not want save as part of the strategy of nations. This, Japanese gentlemen freely concede, but it is felt Japan will have to do it, as they have already taken the unprofitable island of Formosa.

"I may sum up public opinion as it reaches me in these propositions:

"1. The foreign powers must protect their own legations and citizens against official weakness and local fanaticism. This they are doing, shoulder to shoulder-a fact of which the people of Japan seem very proud.

"2. The foreign powers must not make this an excuse for the partition of China. This is a thing impossible, and China once aroused not all Europe could furnish the men to conquer the country or to hold it in check.

"3. The European powers, as Lord Salisbury has distinctly pointed out, cannot guarantee the interests of ayndicates doing business under Chinese jurisdiction. They can protect their citizens under ordinary conditions, but they cannot foster enterprises by a show of force,

"4. It is for the general interest of the world to hold China together, to strengthen her government so that it can maintain order at home and dignity abroad or to treat Chinese people wherever they go just as people of other nations should be treated. It does not, for example, help our own trade or relations with China to subject her people to statutes which apply to immigrants or travelers from no other na-

"There is no desire in Japan for war with Russia or any other nation. There is a feeling that Japan will not again be made a cat's-paw of any European combination. If Russia seizes Manchuria Japan will feel it her duty to take Korea, a weak, irresponsible, and hadly governed neighbor. Every one hopes that the flames of war will be confined to the region where they have been kindled."

The Peruvians have admirable publie roads. One is 1,500 miles long.



A VIEW OF CHINESE TERRITORY NEAR OUTER WALLS OF PEKIN.

Germany's Meat Problem. man naval authorities at Kiel have

been compelled to buy canned and preserved meats in foreign markets in order to provision their China fleet. Ger- be hoped that it has a foundation-of man stock raisers and packers cannot | fact. even supply the home demand, and they can do nothing toward provisioning the German fleet in an emergency. Yet the Agrarian element in the Reichstag has compelled the passage of a meat exclusion act intended to keep the meats of the United States and other countries out of Germany. Though the law has not yet gone into effect, it is already causing much inconvenience to the commissary department at Kiel, as all the available canned meats in the German market have been taken up in anticipation of mate of the profits of the Stratford the shortage that will follow the operation of the law.

Uncle Sam and Russia. Among the rumors concerning the attitude of the European nations toward China is one that credits Russia with having made advances to the government of the United States to secure unity of action among the western powers whose people are besteged in Pekin. It is reported that Russia is engaged in active negotiations at Washington, the outcome of which will be to uphold the integrity of China unconditionally. While this | She "makes" the season every year, rumor, which has been circulated from | and takes an active interest in every annot be corroborated, it is one that leans are arriving in large numbers. | other person that ever lived."

might present a satisfactory means of Consul Pitcairn reports that the Ger- | settling the difficulties that have arisen in China between the celestial government and the rest of the civilized world, and it is, therefore, greatly to

> Capt. John &. Myere. In command of the American marines at Pekin. To his bravery and



ministers.

This month at Spa, Belgium's wellknown mineral springs, the horse races are in full swing. The queen of the Belgians is the central figure round which fashionable Spa moves.

The world will watch with great interest to see what Great Britain will do in case, as now appears not impossible, it receives the surrender of President Kruger. The rumor that the president is meditating a surrender, but wishes to know first what England proposes to do with him, may be premature, but it is certain that if he is taken the question of his ultimate disposition will have to be met. "The ground upon which Napoleon was sent to St. Helena was that he was a pub-He enemy and a menace to the peace of nations. In order to keep him in restraint in Europe it would have been necessary to imprison him and so he was placed in tolerable comfort on the remote island. The same plea can hardly be urged in the case of Kruger, who has waged war with but one

Kruger the Issue.

Sale of an Historic Farm. Hackwood farm, near Winchester, Md., the scene of one of the most noted battles of the late civil war, has ability is largely due the safety of the | changed hands, Judge Vinson of Rockville, Md., disposing of his interests to Mr. D. P. Pierce. The old homestead, besides being the scene of many bloody battles, was also at one time occupied by Gen. George Washington.

Lord Saliebury recently characterized Hiram Maxim, the gunmaker, as "the man who has prevented more two centers during the last few days, detail of the summer program. Amer- men from dying of old age them any