

In the Fowler's Snare

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CHAPTER II.—(Continued.)
In America people need not restrict their honeymooning to a distance of 25, 50, or 100 miles. Over there a brief journey may mean 4,000 or 5,000 miles, and entail some days and nights aboard a train. Gervis Templeton and his newly made wife were quite content with the prospect of the long journey as they sat in the palace car, hand-in-hand, gazing out upon the strange, unchanging landscape.

To the new wife, life was warm and sweet; while for Gervis, who had taken up his cross manfully before he covered Gladly's vision, there was the underlying sense of having given up his all for others, which in itself is a certain reward.

"It seems like years since we left old Frisco, doesn't it, Gervis?" the bride broke the silence to say blithely. "It's a bit queer to leave the old life behind like this," she went on, half dreamily. "I never realized that I was married, I think, until we stepped into this car at Vancouver. And now here we are, just and I, flying along through plains and canons, through snow and ice, on the way to old age together. If one were superstitious the look-out is ominous."

Gladly waved her white hand at the landscape whirling past, rocks and hillsides, gray rivers and shimmering, still lakes, and in the distance the great, frowning Rockies.

"Look on this picture, not on that," Gervis with his hand gently turned the small, round face, and Gladly's eyes fell on the cheerful, warm luxuries of the car.

He was careful not to omit the lovely-like attentions a bride would naturally look for, and it was only those who knew him better than Gladly did, who would miss the spontaneous element that was absent.

"Never mind the wintry outlook," went on the young husband. "I don't believe you've as much as glanced at our fellow-travelers yet. They seem rather a decent lot."

"Do they?" Gladly turned her brown head to give a comprehensive look round the palace car. "They're not bad," she added indifferently. Then she broke off, and there was a dead silence.

The round, blue eyes of the bride had encountered another pair, black and inscrutable, that were fixed with a strange, tense gaze on her. Something she knew not what—instinctively arrested her attention, and a faint shiver ran over her whole being.

The owner of the magnetic eyes was a man of perhaps 40, perhaps older. His curly hair matched his intensely black eyes, and the olive tint of his hair, shaven face went admirably with the darkness of eyes and hair.

That he was of a studious disposition was evinced by the stoop of his narrow shoulders. He was carefully, even punctiliously, dressed, and as he leaned back in a large, red plush chair there was a certain distinction about his appearance.

He seemed to know none of his fellow-travelers, and while they chatted and laughed, he sat, with loosely clasped hands, silent and watchful.

The strange thing was that nobody seemed to be aware of his presence in the car. People talked across him, without noticing he was there, and he never disturbed the thinking man.

The first jolt on his way to the great mountains, the "everlasting hills," it sped in and out of the snow-sheds, which man's ingenuity has constructed to protect the railway line from avalanches, in which thousands of tons of snow, suddenly loosened, come down with irresistible force to devastate the low-lying country.

The staid, white-haired man of the outside world was growing bolder. The day was waning, the dark gathering slowly, and a few faithful snakes began to show up against the deepening gray of the sky.

"We are going to have a tremendous snowfall tonight, judging from the swallows and doves of the 'fakers,'" Gladly presently put in, but he got no answer.

"I don't know," he said, looking out at the dark, dreary landscape.

"Thank you kindly," said Gervis heartily. "It is good of you. She is my wife, and somehow the shock seems to have frozen her. She is unable to speak even. I fear it has affected her deeply."

"Oh, Gervis, take me away somewhere!" A long, sobbing cry came from her lips.

Gladly had come back—she was here! "I am here, and Gervis almost wished to see her again."

"That little girl!" He bent down kneeling on the ground to kiss her on the forehead.

"I must hide the hideous from her frightened eyes. I will try to comfort her as best I can on the dark, dreary landscape."

"Gervis looked up at a hoarse whisper, the stillness of the night seemed to be saying 'I must help you!'"

Then men sprang to their feet hurriedly, there were faint screams from the women; a colored waiter ran in, the whites of his eyes turned up in wild fear, and, with a frightened shout, fled out of the car along the corridor.

By this time Gervis was fully aroused to the surrounding commotion. Gladly sat perfectly motionless. Her eyes were fixed on the now empty chair in which had been seated the owner of the black, inscrutable eyes.

She did turn even when the excitement in the car ended in a stampede accompanied by frenzied shrieks.

"Fire! Fire!" The train, with its engine and carriages—so huge and so handsome to eyes unaccustomed to American travel—must be on fire!

CHAPTER III.

"Gladly! my dear Gladly, rouse up. What is it? Are you asleep? The fright has paralyzed her!" Gervis Templeton stooped and gathered up his wife's form in his arms. Like most American girls, she was small and slight, an easy weight for any man's arms; but somehow Gladly was an almost impossible burden. She was still and motionless, and it was like carrying a lay-figure.

"Place your arms around my neck, dear, and I can carry you the faster!" he hurriedly said. But there was no responsive obedience.

His bride's arms hung loosely down. It was not that she had fainted, Gervis knew, for her eyes were wide open and staring, and there was no time to puzzle over her strange inertness.

Nearly every one was out of the magnificently furnished car. The train, which had been slowing, was now at a standstill. It was quite dark when Gervis stood on the steps with his burden; but, to his wonder, he now saw what he had been unaware of before.

"Well, then, let us rush it together in the train, and God in His mercy help us through!" came the suggestion from a passenger.

"And suppose we are burnt up like chips?" gloomily said another.

And, truly, the long, fierce tongues of fire were gaining along the roof. Strong men shuddered, while all the women were now covering their eyes, and some were praying wildly. Here and there a child, with frightened sobs, hid its little face in its mother's skirts.

It was, in truth, a terrible death trap. The helpless human beings, herding together, were paralyzed. Those of them for whom their Father in heaven was an ever-present reality cried out from their hearts for His merciful help; others were mute.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; therefore we shall not fear—!" The clear voice of a woman that began bravely ended abruptly in a smothered sob.

The flesh was weaker than the spirit, and a pair of dark eyes criticised, with a sneer in their black depths, the speaker as she covered down on her knees.

"It would be as well not waste the minutes in talk," said the owner of the eyes. "It's time for action now if we are to save our lives."

With a swift glance at Gladly's shrinking figure lying in her husband's arms, he strode forward to the front. Gathered round the engine was a group of excited passengers, arguing, ordering and pleading with the bewildered stokers, who stubbornly refused to risk all and rush the fire.

(To be continued.)

Balmoral Castle Not Large. As palaces go, Balmoral castle is by no means large. When it was originally built it was intended to be purely a private palace for Queen Victoria and her family to retire to for complete rest and recreation. There were to be no visitors, no lords-in-waiting, and, moreover, the queen's children were children. Now, when her majesty's family had grown to a swarm, and this a common thing for her to have nearly a dozen of them staying with her at once, besides some other visitors, Balmoral court provides insufficient accommodations for the court. It is true that the latter is cut down to the smallest limits. There are still no lords-in-waiting. The minister in attendance has to leave his secretary behind. Still there is not room for all the guests, so they are scattered up and down in various annexes. Birkhall, to the southeast of the castle, is allotted to one family; Abergeldie castle and Abergeldie mans, both to the north of Balmoral, are given to others. The rest are stowed away in the castle itself and when the accommodation becomes cramped, some of them have a way of drifting off to stay with the duke and duchess of Fife at Mar Lodge, which is not far off.

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"Are you mad?" was the last rejoinder. "Better reverse the engines and back the train to the end we came in at. But see, here comes the guard back again. Well!"

"It's anything but 'well,' I guess," growled the guard, glancing uneasily at the women folk. Lowering his voice, he went on to the male passengers: "The plain truth is, we're in a death trap. God help us all!" Then he hesitated.

"Man, speak out. What is it?" "I've bin way back a goodish bit, and found a worse thing behind us almost than this!" He pointed to the wall of flame. "Gentlemen, there's bin a terrible snow slide happened on our heels. It has smashed through into the shed and blocked the line from floor to roof. Never saw such a big snow slide in the Rockies, not even in the springtime o' year."

"'Twas the warmish spell we had lately has loosened the snow on the mountain-side, and now it's come down all in a heap—tons of it! Besides frozen cargoes of snow, there's hull trees torn up by the roots and boulders all blocking up the shed. We're choked in behind, and you can see for yourself what's afore us. We're bound to die like rats in a hole!"

As the last words were added, breaking in an irrepressible cry from the man's white lips, the huddled groups of terrified passengers shrieked and shouted in unison; for, gazing up, their starting eyes discovered that the fire was spreading in the roof toward them.

"We must be very near the outlet of this snow shed!" quickly ejaculated the stranger who had assisted Gervis.

"Why?" hoarsely screamed the passengers. Somehow they turned instinctively to this man, as human beings will to any true leader.

"In that case, it would be worth while to rush it," said Gervis. He had raised Gladly from the ground, and stood holding her close to him, carefully hiding her eyes with his left hand.

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FAKERS AS DUPES.
A Chicago Fakier Gets These of His Own Class.

When a "street fakier" dupes a person it is nothing unusual, but when he deceives another "fakier," it is something out of the ordinary. A Chicago "street fakier" saw an advertisement which read:

"Good nickel-plated watches sold for 50 cents a piece. No. — State street."

The "fakier," discerning a new scheme, lost no time in going downtown and purchased twenty-five watches. Next morning the "fakier" took a train for a small town down in Illinois and had the following advertisement inserted in the country paper:

"Found—Silver watch, owner can have same by paying two dollars reward. No questions asked."

The next day all the country "fakers" for miles around called, one at a time, on the Chicago "fakier" at his hotel. "I come to redeem my watch," said each "fakier" as he came in. The watches looked genuine, and thinking they had a "good thing" gladly gave up \$2. As soon as he had disposed of all his watches the Chicago "fakier" took the next train back home with lots of money in his pocket and the satisfaction of having duped those of his own class.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

FOUR DOCTORS FAILED

A Michigan Lady's Battle with Disease and How It Was Won.

Flushing, Mich., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—One of the most active workers in the cause of Temperance and Social Reform in Michigan is Mrs. P. A. Passmore of this place. She is a prominent and very enthusiastic W. C. T. U. woman, and one who never loses an opportunity to strike a blow against the demon of Intemperance.

Mrs. Passmore has suffered much bodily pain during the last three years through Kidney and Bladder Trouble. At times the pain was almost unbearable, and the good lady was very much distressed. She tried physician after physician, and each in turn failed to relieve her, let alone effect a cure. Home remedies suggested by anxious friends were applied, but all to no purpose. At last some one spoke of Dodd's Kidney Pills as a good remedy for all Kidney and Bladder Diseases, and Mrs. Passmore decided to try them. She did, and is now a well woman. She has given the following statement for publication:

"At different times in the past three years, I have suffered severely with Kidney and Bladder Trouble, and after trying four of the best physicians I could hear of, two of them living in the state of New York, I found myself no better. I took any amount of home remedies suggested by kind friends, with little or no relief from anything. I decided to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. Less than one box has done me more good than all the other treatments combined. I am still using them, and can say with experience that they are an excellent remedy for Kidney and Bladder Trouble. I would heartily recommend them to all those suffering from these ills in like manner."

MRS. P. A. PASSMORE.
Flushing, Mich.

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Young Infants Prefer Red. According to a writer in the Nursery, matrons of infant asylums say that a young infant will be cross all day if dressed in a gray frock but contented and happy if dressed in a bright red frock. Children from two to four are much less affected by the color of their dress. It is commonly observed in kindergartens that the younger children prefer the red playthings, while the older children prefer the blue.

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Maccaroni Made by Machinery. Italian macaroni is no longer made by hand, but by machinery. According to the British consul at Naples, about 70,000 cases of macaroni are annually exported to England and 500,000 to the United States.

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THE TREATY AS AMENDED

Full Text of Senate Hay-Pauncofote Treaty Agreement.

ENGLAND LIKELY TO SAY "NO"

The Text of the Treaty as Amended with Principal Features of the Clayton-Bulwer Convention with Great Britain—For an All-American Canal.

The United States Senate has by a vote of 55 to 25 passed the canal treaty containing the Davis and Pauncofote amendments. Six roll calls were necessary before final action, and all amendments except those adopted by the committee on foreign relations were rejected. The treaty as adopted is as follows:

Article I.—It is agreed that the canal may be constructed under the auspices of the Government of the United States, either directly at its own cost, or by gift or loan of money to individuals or corporations, or through subscription to or purchase of stock or shares, and that, subject to the provisions of the present convention, the said Government shall have and enjoy all the rights incident to said construction, as well as the exclusive right of providing for the regulation and management of the canal.

Article II.—The high contracting parties, desiring to preserve and maintain the general principle of non-interference established in Article VIII. of the Clayton-Bulwer convention, which is hereby superseded, adopt, as the basis of such neutralization, the following rules, substantially as embodied in the convention between Great Britain and certain other powers, signed at Constantinople on Oct. 29, 1839, for the free navigation of the Suez Maritime Canal—that is to say:

1. The canal shall be free and open, in time of peace, to the vessels of all nations, on terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any nation or its citizens or subjects in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic, or otherwise.

2. The canal shall never be blockaded, nor shall any right of war be exercised nor any act of hostility be committed within it.

3. Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not revictual nor take any stores in the canal, except so far as may be strictly necessary, and the transit of such vessels through the canal shall be effected with the least possible delay in accordance with the regulations in force at such time, with only such intimation as may result from the necessities of the service.

Frisers shall be in all respects subjected to the same rules as vessels of war of the belligerents.

4. No belligerent shall embark or disembark troops, munitions of war, or warlike materials in the canal except in case of accidental hindrance of the transit, and in such case the transit shall be resumed with all possible dispatch.

5. The provisions of this article shall apply to waters adjacent to the canal, within three marine miles of either end. Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not remain in such waters longer than twenty-four hours at any one time, except in case of distress, and in such case shall depart as soon as possible, but a vessel of war of one belligerent shall not depart within twenty-four hours from the departure of a vessel of war of the other belligerent. It is agreed, however, that none of the immediately foregoing conditions and stipulations shall be construed as securing, by its own force, the defense of the United States and the maintenance of public order.

6. The plant, establishments, buildings and all works necessary to the construction, maintenance and operation of the canal shall be deemed to be public property for the purposes of this convention, and in time of war, as in time of peace, shall enjoy complete immunity from attack or injury by belligerents and from any calculated to impair their usefulness as part of the canal.

7. No fortifications shall be erected commanding the canal or the waters adjacent. The United States, however, shall be at liberty to maintain such military police along the canal as may be necessary to protect it against lawlessness and disorder.

Article III.—The present convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by her Britannic Majesty; and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington or at London within six months from the date hereof, or earlier if possible.

Article IV.—The present convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States and Great Britain, and they declare that neither the one nor the other will ever obtain for itself any exclusive control over the said ship canal, and that neither will ever erect or maintain any fortifications commanding the same, or in the vicinity thereof.

Article V.—Vessels of the United States or Great Britain traversing said canal shall, in case of war between the contracting parties, be exempted from blockade, detention, or capture by either of the belligerents.

Article VI.—In order to secure the construction of said canal the contracting parties engage that if any such canal shall be undertaken, then the persons employed in making the canal, and their property used for that object, shall be protected by the governments of the United States and Great Britain from unjust detention, confiscation, seizure, or any violence whatever.

Article VII.—The contracting parties further engage that when any canal shall have been completed they will guarantee the neutrality thereof, so that it may be forever open and free.

Article VIII.—The contracting parties in this convention engage to invite every state with which both or either have friendly intercourse to enter into stipulations with them, to the end that all other states may share in the same advantages of having contributed to a work of such general interest and importance.

Article IX.—The governments of the United States and Great Britain do establish a general principle, hereby agree to extend their protection to any other practicable communication, whether by canal or railway, across the isthmus which connects North and South America.

Definition of "Grass Widow." A "grass widow" means a widow by grace or courtesy, and refers to a wife who is separated from her husband. The term first came into use in 1849, at the time of the gold discoveries in California, when many persons emigrated to that section in quest of fortune. In several cases wives were left destitute, and had to earn their own living. Thus the word "grace" became corrupted into "grass" because the deserted wives were forced to seek their living in the fields of labor—in other words, they had been turned out to grass.—New York Weekly.

An Easy Matter. William Penn was once advising a man to leave off his habit of drinking to excess. "Can you tell me, how to do it?" said the slave of the appetite. "Yes," answered Penn, "it is just as easy as to open thy hand, friend."

Convince me of that and I will promise upon my honor to do as you tell me." "Well, my friend," said the man, "when thou speakest any word of interesting nature, thy

In some respects the Maori is the most advanced of any people in the world. His climate is absolutely perfect, his population hardy and devoted to the land of their adoption, and his resources are most fruitful and already highly developed. The workingman is supreme there, and it is the boast of the islands they do not contain a millionaire! To New Zealand belongs the credit of having established franchises for its women and pensions for its old people, and it has shown a general capacity for managing its own affairs in advance of any community of the age. The Maoris are decreasing in numbers, and, although they have made an effort to adopt civilization, it is not suited to their temperaments.


Beware of Imitations for Catarrh of the Bladder. Contains Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surface. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as damage they will do is tenfold to the good that can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Congress of Mountain Climbers. Among the many congresses that met at the Paris Exposition, one of the most interesting was the international assembly of the Alpinists, composed of mountain-climbers.

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