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CHAPTER XII.—(Continued.) "I thought you would want to hear the story some day," said Clarice. And then she told it very simply, as the Ductor had told it to her, of the poor boy's promise of amendment of life, and of the act of bravery which had brought it to a close.

"Doctor Drake said that whatever his life may have been, he died like a hero," said Clarice, her own voice breaking a little as she repeated the

"Did he say that? What a good, wind man he is: the best friend have ever had, except you, Clarice," said Janetta, smiling through her tears.

"Your brother's death seemed so peaceful by comparison with that poor wretch's whom the Doctor hunted down," continued Clarice. "I often wonder where Mason is. She went off apparently early on the night of the robbery, and the police have never been able to obtain the faintest clue to her whereabouts. It was quite clear from the letters she left behind her that the man was her lover, and had obtained all his information from her.

"Oh, yes; it was the same voice," said Janetta, then started and colored she had not meant to betray the fact that she had overheard Mason talking to some unknown man in the shrubbery, and had warned Mrs. Mortimer about her. The words had slipped from

"What voice?" asked Clarice eagerly. And Janetta thought it best to relate the story.

"Ah! that makes many things clear which I found it so hard to explain," maid Clarice, thoughtfully. "I could never make out why Mrs. Mortimer seemed to blame herself so bitterly for the burglary having happened I quite accepted her confession of injustice to you and declined to take her notice to leave, as you freely forgave her; but I could not see in what way she could consider herself responsible for the robbery. Poor woman! how terribly she has suffered; but it has done her good, Janetta. She is far gentler and kinder than she was, and she has kept a dragon watch over the house, apparently, during our absence. I think it's getting chilly. Hadn't we better be making our way back to the hotel?"

When they got back to their hotel they found that table d'hote was aiready served.

"We will go in as we are," said Clarice. And they advanced into the brilliantly lighted salon and took their places. Seated exactly opposite them was Doctor Drake, who regarded them with amiling eyes.

"What, again?" said Clarice, with a mod and a laugh, greeting him as if they had only parted the night before. "You must be spending a perfect fortune in traveling expenses! And look, your occupation is gone!" she said. with a proud glance at Janetta. "She does not look as if she needed much doctoring, does she?"

"My visit is entirely for pleasure," said Doctor Drake, laughing. "I'm out for a holiday at last. The world was before me where to choose, and if I've taken a fancy like yourselves to visit Spain, I cannot see why you should make any objection.

"None in the world," retorted Clarfee, merrily.

When dinner was ended it was but natural that the doctor should join the girls in the hall, and, sitting down by their side, tell them all the home

"We have agreed this afternoon that ww will go back," said Clarice. "We are tired of wandering, aren't you, Janetta?"

Janetta nodded. "We are waiting for an outburst of welcome from you. she said, smiling at the doctor, who seemed lost in a fit of abstractin. "It would have found vent before

this except that your home-coming will not benefit me much. I'm going to leave Northcliff."

The faces of both his listeners grew blank.

"How horrid of you!" cried Clarice petulantly. And the impetuous words brought a pink flush to the doctor's fair face. "I suppose it's a case of

"Yes: it's money and a baronetcy," replied the doctor, dryly. "You are joking."

"I'm not. I'll go and write my name in the visitors' book this instant if you don't believe me. 'Sir Robert Drake!' Do I look the part?" he went on, with mather a forced laugh. "Two distant male relatives died one after the other, and I awoke one morning lately to find myself transformed from a doctor in a country town into a baronetcy and

Then I suppose we must congratulate you," said Clarice, in a voice that nevertheless sounded a little cold and stiff. To tell the truth, she did not all reliah the notion of the sudden ral of a knight upon whose willdevotion she could always depend.

You need not. Life is one big disdatment. It offers gifts that one en not care for, and denies me the

no doubt he'll soon reconcile himself to the baronetcy and the fortune,"

Sir Robert's route adjusted itself very much to that chosen for their return journey by the girls. Sometimes he would be away for a day or two at a time, then reappear at the town and hotel where he was tolerably certain to find them, and they arrived in England on the same day, but whilst be stopped in London, the girls went on to Northcliff.

The welcome they received from Mrs. Mortimer was of a warmth they could have hardly believed possible in a woman so self-contained; and it was pleasant to find themselves once more seated by the fire in Clarice's sitting room, with their feet on the fender, reading the several letters they had found awaiting their arrival.

"I've got a long letter from Harry," said Clarice.

Janetta started violently. Carefully as each of the girls had followed Captain Merivale's brilliant career in the Indian campaign, his name until now had not been mentioned between them since the night of Janetta's confession. Clarice's eyes were shining, there was

radiant triumph in her smile. "He is coming back, Janetta. And he says-he says that he should like us to be married at once. There can be no possible reason for delay now I am well, and he hopes I will be getting my clothes ready. He adds in a postscript that he thinks I must pension off the good Mrs. Mortimer," Clarice said, with a little gay laugh; "but he makes no suggestion for your future."

"He need not," said Janetta, sitting upright, and clasping her hands tightly. "I shall find another situation."

"That sentence and the way you say it makes me quite certain that you are well. It was spoken with all your old horrid pride and independence," said Clarice. "But would it not be well to suit my convenience? I've not done with you yet, you see. You must stay until I marry, and that"-there was a little break in the voice she had tried to make so gay-may be some time, or may never be. I'm not going to marry Harry, and tomorrow I shall write and tell him so. No. Please don't look at me like that nor say anything. I can't bear it!

"You have prevented me from making the awful mistake of marrying a man whom I have loved, but who never loved me as he is capable of loving a woman really suited to him. I've thought a great deal over it, and I've said my prayers about it and that is the only conclusion that I can arrive

"And I have prayed, too-or, how earnestly—that he may live to marry you, that so I might feel myself forgiven!" sobbed Janetta.

"But you put your own sense of forgiveness before my happiness," said (") on " and so God has not listened." Clarice were to bed that night

she had written her letter. Good by door Harry (were the closing words). So ne day, if not at once, you will bless me for setting you free. Looking back, I can see now that you never cared for me as I loved you; and when you met this woman who could stir your heart to its very depths you found it out. Some day I hope I may live to see you married to her.

"Belleve me, ever your friend,

"Clarice Seymour." The breaking off of Clarice Seymour's engagement was a nine days' wonder in Northcliff and its neighbor-

"She chooses to say that it is her own doing," said the gossips; "but, depend upon it, there is more behind than meets the eye. It is not to be wondered at if Captain Merivale turned restive over the evident flirtation that girl carried on with the doctor. Anybody can see with half an eye that he has been head-over-ears in love with her for years past."

Certainly it was a fact Sir Robert made no attempt to conceal at present. He was always back in Northcliff upon some pretext or other; but month after month passed by, and he still waited, not daring to put his fate to the test.

(To be Continued.)

Royal Mint in Canada.

The establishment of a royal mint in Canada will make the fourth branch of the English mint in operation outside of London. The other three ramifications are located in Australia, at Melbourne, Sydney and Perth respectively. According to recently published returns, the value of the gold coin output from these four mints during 1899 was as follows: The royal mint, Lindon, \$42,601,555; Melbourne, \$28,138, 835; Sydney, \$16,620,000; Perth \$3,458, 530. It has also been mooted that the government proposes ultimately to establish another branch in the Trans-

Waterfalls to Generate Electricity. The Adriatic Railway company which would make it worth Italy has decided to equip electrically two branches of the main line down lly and went off to the the coast to Brindisi. These branches com, and when, some five extend from the main line toward the setta stole a funtive Interior, where the Apennines furnish Charles, she saw that her shundant water power. In the highand that her lips trem- lands of Italy there is considerable ster power which has never been to be cynical," utilized and it is considered possil of with to use these faills for the genera

A WEEK IN ILLINOIS

RECORD OF HAPPENINGS FOR SEVEN DAYS.

interesting Discoveries to Regard to the Early Nottlement of Illinois-Work of Illinois Educators-City Tickets Are Named-Arbor Day Set.

Early History of Illinois. Prof. Edwin Sparks of the University of Chicago recently made a short trip to St. Clair county, Illinois, to look over documents which throw light upon the early history of Illinois and its settlement by the French. He discovered papers of considerable importance to the historical student, but found that the greater part of the wills, testaments and records of the early colonists had been used to kindle fires or relegated to the rubbish heap. The records which he examined, however throw light upon the history of the French occupation as far back as 1734 and open up a field which has been up to this time unexposed by the Illinois historians. Prof. Sparks will use the data which he collected in connection with his university lectures, and also in a review of Mason's history of Illinois, the standard work upon the history of this state, which he is preparing. Mason's history being incomplete, does not come down to as late a date as 1734, and consequently the notes prepared by Prof. Sparks will form a valuable supplement to it. The town of Belleville, according to Prof. Spark's description, would be a rich field for the novelist as well as the historian. It is a quaint old place, thronging with suggestions of the old days of La Salle and Tonty, which has resisted in part the inroads of English civilization and preserved many evidences of its French origin. The signs in the shop windows bear French names; many of the family Bibles and church records contain entries written in French, and several of the old buildings and the chapel where the early Frenchmen said their devotions are still standing.

Support Educational Bills. Centralization of country schools and a moderate degree of state help in the formation of country school libraries is to be the slogan of county superintendents and other educators of Illinots. With this aim in view the teachers will be urged to prevail upon their representatives in the general assembly to support the school bills now pending in the legislature. The centralization plan was recommended by State Superintendent Baylisa, after in investigation of the working of a similar plan in Ohio. Mr. Bayliss also recommended assistance to libraries. At the conference of county superintendents and institute instructors of the state, which has closed at Springfield, it was found that all the leading educators of the state coincide with the views of Mr. Bayliss, and they propose vigorous lobbying for the meas

City Tickets Are Named.

The Democrats of Joliet have nomipated the following city ticket: Mayor. John B. Mount; city clerk, William F. McMasters; city attorney, John W. Downey: treasurer, A. J. Stoos: police magistrate, Henry J. Wober: school inspectors, East side, F. A. Hoover; West side, J. J. Hayes; at large G. L. Vance. Mount was opposed by John J. Quinn, but won easily, having seventy-one votes, against twenty-one for his opponent. The Democracy of Mattoon in convention nominated the following municipal ticket: Mayor, Dr. Charles B. Fry; treasurer, Jacob Stump, Jr.; attorney, Anderson Stewart; police magistrate, James L. Scott.

Syramore Bank Is Sold.

The Sycamore National bank has been sold to capitalists who were about to start a third bank there. The principal stockholders will be Henry Stark, Mayor David Syne, Judge Charles Bishop, Clarence Rogers and Charles Walker. David Syne will be president. They take possession April 10. They will probably change the name from National to State bank.

Gains Ten Years in One Day.

In examining the family records a friend of "Uncle Billie" Grier, who lives near Woodlawn, discovered the fact that the old man had made a mistake of ten years in his age and that instead of being but 95 years old he will be 106 next September. Mr. Grier enjoys perfect health and walks long distances unattended. He is probably the oldest man in Illinois.

Designates April 26 as Arbor Day. Governor Yates has issued a proclamation designating April 26 as Arbor day. He calls attention to the good results following the observance of this day, and urges educational and other authorities to encourage general observance of the event and impress upon the youth of the state the benefits of tree planting.

Killed by His Own Gen.

James Thomas, a cooper, residing at Cairo, was accidently shot and killed while crossing the river in a skiff. His body was found lying in the bottom of the skiff, which was adrift, and which lodged in some drift.

Young Man Committe Suictde. Through fear of becoming insane, Fred Harper, aged 20, committed suieids at Decatur by firing a built into his brain. He was to have been marJahn's Cue 's Doomed.

According to a resident of China

town the statesmen of the flowery

kingdom are now considering the advisability of altering the Chinese law which requires Mongolians to wear cues, says the Portland Telegram, The local informant is authority for the statement that the Chinese wore their hair American fashion some 300 years ago, at which time they likewise wore garments similar to those in use in this country today. With a new emperor came an alteration in the two fashions and ever since cues and blouses have been quite the proper thing. Now there it a great agitation for a change back to the old style. The Chinese are of a practical turn of mind and insist that too much time is required to dress their long braids. There is considerable objection to the style now in vogue, and so persistent for a change has become the demand that it is likely the law establishing the style of head dress will be altered. It is stated that the Chinese will not wear their hair long, but that their heads will be kept shaven. Only indefinite rumors of the proposed change have been received from the old country, but local Chinese express the belief that the present unpopular style will be abolished.

INDIAN MISSIONARY'S STORY.

Years of Tollsome Ministry Among the

Choctaws Little York, Ind., April 1.—(Special). -Twenty-five years ago the Rev. C. H. Thompson left Indiana. For a time he preached in Arkansas, afterwards entering on the regular mission-

ary work among the Choctaw Indians For five years he lived and labored among the full bloods of the western prairies, until on April 5th, 1885, having lost his wife, he left the circuit on which he had preached so long, and commenced traveling missionary work among the Indians of the various tribes scattered in the west.

This irregular work involved a great deal of travel over the prairies. The drinking of so much alkali water brought on kidney troubles which terminated in Diabetes.

Finally, while laboring among the Creek Indians at Wagoner, Indian Territory, this noble man was stricken down completely. A Chicago specialist was summoned, and after a careful examination declared that there was not the slightest chance of his recovery. Besides the prescriptions of the doctors he tried many other medicines, but all to no avail. He says:

"I had concluded that my days were drawing to a close, when I picked up an almanac telling of the cures of Diabetes by the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I sent for two boxes, I gained strength and spirits from the time I commenced to use them, and so I sent for more. am now completely cured, and have not the slightest symptom of my old trouble.

"I am 68 years of age. I tell everybody of the wonders Dodd's Kidney Pills have done for me. I can certainly endorse them heartily, and vouch that they are all that is claimed for them. They have certainly been a God-send to me."

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Canadian Minerals.

The best mineral exhibit ever made by Canada will be seen at the Pan-American Exposition. Mine owners al Associations and numerous press and prospectors are giving the Bureau | clubs have arranged for trips to Bufof Mines hearty co-operation in their | falo. collection of specimens for this dis-

What Do the Children Drink? Don't give them ten or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O It is delicious and nonrishing, and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more bealth you distribute through their systems. Urain-() is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee, but costs about 1/ as much. All grocers call it. lee and the

In a Receptive Frame of Mind. When a woman knows that her children are troublesome to others there is hope that she may be able to learn other useful things.-Atchison Globa

Should Re in Every Household. A jar of RUBEFACIENT should be kept to every bonse. It is the most wonderful specific in all cases of internal inflammation and will speedily nip in the bud any case of Paeamonia, Diphtheria, La Grippe, etc. Write to the Rubefacient Co., Newton Upper Falls, Mass., for free booklet.

Imitation Vaccination Sear.

One of the latest inventions is an imitation vaccination scar that you can paste on your arm and thus fool the health officer. The "scar" costs a dime.

PAYS FIVE TIMES AS MUCH AS CORN. Buy Rice lands in S. E. Texas and S. W. La. at \$16 to \$15 per scre. Note \$30 per scre. Write N. L. Mille, Bouston, Tex.; Cameron & Moore, Liberty, Tex.; Geo. J. McMannus, Beanmont, Tex.; E. F. Rowson, Jennings, La.; Hiram C. Wheeler, Galveston, Tex.

The Louisiana Commissioners to the Pan-American Exposition state that nothing will be left undone by them to have the Pelican State Exhibit equal to the best at the great show.

and skin are benefited by the well known remedy, Garfield Tea; it purifles the blood and clears the complexion. Most of the upper classes in China

All diseased conditions of the blood

are of Tartar origin. Of course, then, it follows the very select are the cream of Tartar.

Yellow Clothes Look Bad.

Keep them white by using Maple City Self Washing Soap. All grocers sell it or can get it for you. Try it once. "Tis the old secret of the gods that

they come in low disguises.—Emer-

AMONG THE RAILWAYS.

Rock Island Will Hun Chosp Excursions

to Colorado. The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, which made a phenomenal success of cheap excursion rates to Colorado last season, has again asked its competitors in the Western and Southwestern Passenger associations to agree upon a series of cheap excursions to and from Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo, for the approaching season, on the following basis: Tickets to be sold from Chicago and all territory up to Missouri river, June 18, 25, July 16, 23 and 30, Aug. 6, 13, 26 and 27, at rate of one fare plus \$2, or \$31.50 for the round trip.

On July 2 and 9 and Sept. 3 and 10 a rate

of \$25 is to be made from Chicago, and

\$15 from Missouri river points for the round trip. Intermediate territory will have proportionate rates. Tickets are to be sold from Missouri river points one day later than the dates given above in each case. Proportionate rates will be made to and from Glenwood Springs, Salt Lake City and Ogden. A series of east-bound excursions is also proposed, tickets to be sold from Colorado common points every Thursday, commencing with June 29 up to and including Sept. 12, at a rate of one fare plus \$2 for

the round trip. All tickets will be limited

for return passage to Oct. 31. These rates

will be tendered connecting lines for bas-

ing purposes, which will probably insure a very low basis of rates throughout the United States for these excursions. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific will unquestionably make these rates and arrangements effective, regardless of the action of its competitors, and will run special trains, only one night out to and from Colorado, on the dates named.-Chi-

cago Inter Ocean.

Home-Seekers' Excursions. On the first and third Tuesdays of each month the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway will sell round-trip excursion tickets from Chicago, Milwaukee and other points on its line to a great many points in South Dakota, Dakota and other Western and Northwestern States at about one fare. Take a trip west and see the wonderful cre and what an amount of good land can be purchased for a little money. Further information as to rates, routes, prices of farm lands, etc., may be obtained by addressing F. A. Miller, General Pas-

Meat Diet in Warm Climates.

senger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

It has been generally supposed that much meat in warm climates is not a good thing, but one of the ablest army surgeons now declares that under the hot suns the carbon in a white man's blood is speedily oxidized and burned up by the sun, and a great deal of meat must be eaten to supply the waste.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-Ot Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distreas. 1/4 the price of coffee. 15c and 25 cts. per package. Bold by all grocers.

Work on Longfellow Memorial. The fund for a statue of Longfellow for Longfellow park, in Cambridge, has reached \$816.44, and work will be begun on the memorial early in the spring.

Lane's Propily Medicine. Moves the powers catt way. IB order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

London's Army of Mald-Servants. There are 320,000 maid-servants in London that is to say, they are nearly equal in number to the whole population of Sheffield.

Newspaper men in great numbers will be at the Pan-American Exposition next summer. Many state Editori-

Dean W. A. Henry of the Agricultural College of the University of Wisconsin, is arranging for an exhibit, the results of the work of that college, at the Pan-American Exposition.

What, with all your debts you have bought a motor car?" "That's precisely why I bought it. I had to have some way of escaping my creditors."

Garfield Tea is an excellent medicine to take in the Spring; it produces healthy action of the liver; it cleanses the system and purifies the blood.

It took 500,000 pounds of candy to satisfy the Christmas demand in St.

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Women lawyers of New York must take off their hats when practicing their profession in the criminal courts.

"I am the page that's always red," remarked the auburn-haired messen-

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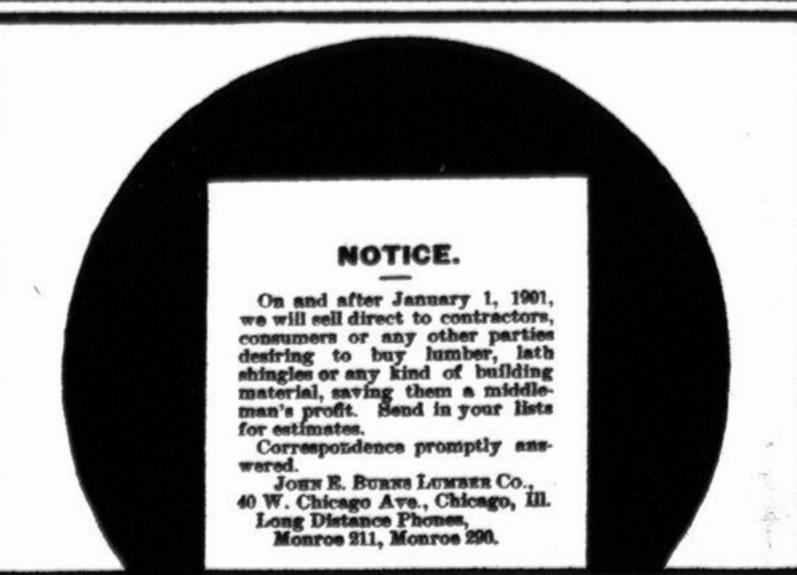
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