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CHAPTER XIV.

As he spoke the Arab gave a loud, abrill whistle, at the same time leaping across the spring and striking the slave in the face. But Shubal was not to be overcome so easily by one man The whistle had alarmed him, and when he saw the fellow leap, he was not wholly unprepared. The blow in the face blinded him for a moment, but as soon as his eyes served him, he caught his assailant by the throat and hurled him to the ground.

"What sort of a man are you?" the miave cried, as he held the rascal down.

"I am a juggler." replied the Arab, holding fast upon Shubal's tunic.

"Let go my clothing, or I'll kill you. The slave might have carried out his threat, but before he could make any decided movement to that end he found himself surrounded by a body of armed men. Quick as thought he leaped to his feet, leaving a piece of his tunic behind him, and made a movement toward his horse; but he was too late to reach the saddle, Hali a dozen strong hands were laid upon him, while as many more were busy with the horses of the females. The princess cried aloud for help, and would have leaped from her saddle had she not been held back.

"Pair lady." spoke a rough voice, in harsh, strange dialect, "you must keep still, and give us as little trouble as possible."

But you will not harm me, good "You have no occasion for fear,

lady. But tell me-who are you?" "I am the daughter of Aboul Cassem, the prime minister of Damascus."

Could Albia have moved quickly enough, she would have prevented her mistress from answering this question, but the story had been told. Offn innocently thought that the name of her father would strike the marauders with awe, and that they would fear to molest her further, but in this she was somewhat mistaken, as subsequent events proved.

"By my life, comrades," cried he, who seemed to be the leader of the party, "we have found a rich prize. Hold still, noble lady. We will not harm you. Let us look to this unruly slave of yours, and then you shall be properly cared for. You might have fallen into worse hands than ours."

When Ulin had collected her senses that ahe could observe and comprehend things about her, she looked to her real situation. She counted eight of the Arabs, and she had no doubt that they were robbers. Four of them were securing the slave, while the other four were watching the horses. Shubal was very soon pinfoned, and restored to his feet, after which she and Albia were lifted from their saddles

"Don't be slarmed," ald the leader, as the princess cried out for mercy. "You shall be restored to your horses very soon. We have horses close at hand, and when they are brought, you shall be on your way again."

"You will set Shubal free?" "He shall be free soon enough, Rest a few moments, lady. One of my men has gone after our animals. We left them upon the other side of

the wood. "But why have you taken us from

our horses?" asked our heroine. "You will see that anon, fair lady here comes my man. Now, my tair damsels, you shall understand the whole matter. These horses of yours are not such ones as I would have you ride. I have some here much better. What does he mean?" asked Ulin.

peaking in a low tone to her bond-"Wait," replied Albia, trying to con-

coal her real suspicions. "They may inform us."

Before Ulin could ask another question the Arab leader came forward with two horses, upon which he direct his companion to fix the ladies' sad-Hen; and when this had been done he turned to the princess, and informed that she might take her seat again. she would have opposed the movement, but a strong hand was laid upon her, and, almost before she knew it. the was once more upon her saddle. "You will excuse me," the fellow mid "but as this horse will not carry you quite so easily as your own, I will soure you in your place."

As he spoke he passed a strong cord bout Ulin's body, and fastened it to the girth upon either side. The same thing was done for Albia, and then attention was directed to Shubal, who seated upon another strange horse, and likewise bound in his place, "What can they mean?" asked the acess, gaining another opportunity

speak to her attendant dare not guess," said Albia.

Do not speak in that way," urged Tell me what you think-I

o, rejuctantly, "their mean-

nd are we prisoners?"

merself steady, but her horse noticed not the guiding of her hand. The leader of the party rode in advance; then followed two more of the gang; then came two females; and behind them followed the others, with the slaves under charge. Through the wood they rode at an easy pace, and when they had gained the open plain beyond they struck into a swift gallop. Ulin had discovered to her satisfaction that the strange horse paid no attention to the rein, so she only sought to keep an easy seat. She was weak with fear and alarm, and all sorts of dreadful pictures arose to her imagination as she sped on. She could not speak with Albia, for the clattering of hoofs drowned her voice. What did it

mean? Where would it end? On they sped, straight over the plain -on, on, on-without halting or turning on through the darkness of the night-on, league after league-until the gray streaks of morning appeared in the eastern horizon. Another wood was before them, and when it was reached, the party stopped. Not far distant, where a clump of noble palms reared aloft their plaited foliage, a crystal spring burst forth from the green earth, and the Arabs held their panting horses back from the tempting

"Now, lady, you may find repose," said the leader, as he came and lifted Ulin from her seat. "We shall remain here a few hours. I will be with you again presently."

He turned and handed Albia to the ground, and then went to where his followers were taking care of Shubal

"Albia, what will they do with us?" cried the princess, clasping her hands in terror.

But the bondmalden could not answer. If she held suspicions, she dared not speak them.

"O, I wish I had not taken this false step! It is a punishment for my sin! "Hush, dear mistress. It is our fate, It is no punishment. Wait until we know what this Arab means to do with us."

"What can he mean?" It must be something dreadful. Why has he taken us away so far? O. Albia, I am frightened."

"No, no, sweet lady. Have a hope. They will not kill us."

"Ah," murmured the princess, with folded hands. "there may be a fate from which death would be a happy escape!"

The bondmaiden shuddered, and from her thoughts at that moment she could frame no reply which she dared to speak aloud.

## CHAPTER XV. The Arab's Purpose.

As Ulin sat upon the greensward, with her back against a palm tree, and one hand resting upon Albia's awoke with a sharp cry, and caught arm, she could take a clear view of her captors. The sun was just tinging the distant mountain tops with its golden light, and the last shadow of the night | frightful it was." had gone. The Arabs had watered the horses and left them where they could crop the green grass, and were now gathered together, listening to the words of their chief.

They were rough, dark looking men, whistle, such as he had sounded on these Arabs. Their clothing was previous occasion, and in an instant sparse and poor, and their skin swart bright and keen and their horses in they lifted their heads and moved up most perfect condition, both as to health and cleanliness. A little while their masters. they conversed together, and then one of them brought forth the bundle which had been taken from Shubal. It was opened by the feader, and the articles of clothing which it contained were spread out upon the ground. Folded up in a silken scarf was found a purse, from which fell a score or more of broad gold pieces; whereupon the marauders gave utterance to various exclamations of satisfaction.

"They are robbers," said Ulin, as she saw them dividing the gold. "Certainly," responded Albia

have suspected that from the first." "Can they belong to Julian's band?" "Why should you ask such a question, my mistress? You know that

Julian would never have such men about him." As she spoke, the Arab leader came towards them, and after gazing upon

them for a few moments, he said, ad dressing the princess: "I hope you find yourself none the worse for this little deviation from your original course; for, let me assure you, the meeting has afforded

me much pleasure. Does the princess Ulin know who is speaking to her?" "No, sir," replied Ulin. "Then she shall know into whose

protecting hand she has had the fortune of falling. I am Al Abbas, Does the name sound familiar?"" "No. sir."

"It is familiar enough to me." said

"Ah, pretty one and what know "I have heard the name, sir, when speech has been made touching a cer- My mother bade me keep my fingers

emark, and smilingly returned: and I am a terror to those who fear

muel. I am the robber, Al Abbas; erty I got, and the last that for some

money belonging to you, and I take the liberty of asking you if you have any jewels about you."

He approached nearer as he spoke. and held out his hand. Ulin knew not how to refuse, and she furthermore saw that refusal would be useless; so she drew forth from her bosom a casket of chamois skin, bound with bands of gold, and handed it over. The robber took it, and opened it; and as his eyes rested upon the sparkling jewelspearl, diamond, emerald, topaz and opal-he gave utterance to an exclamation of delight.

"By my life, lady, you came well provided. I will take care of these gems for you. They will be much safer in my custody."

"I understand you," said the princess, as she saw the fellow close the casket and place it in his own bosom. "You mean to keep those jewels, as you do the gold which you have found."

"You are shrewd at guessing, lady." "I think I have good grounds for my opinion, sir. Take them if you want them; and in return I only ask that you let us go free. You are welcome to all that you have if you will give us our liberty."

"You will rest before you go." "I do not wish to rest long."

"Nor would I have you. But for the present you had better lie down upon this soft grass, and find some slight repose. I will call you when we move." And as he thus spoke, he turned away and joined his companions,

"Will they let us go?" murmured Ulin, lett'ng her head fall upon her companion's shoulder.

"I hope so, my mistress. But come -we cannot learn their intent until they please to tell us; and in the meantime you had better seek some rest. You are tired and worn. Lay your head upon my lap-so. And we will hope for the best."

Albia drew the head of her mistress gently down, and in a little while the weary princess was asleep. And the bondmaiden did not long remain upon the watch. Her own lids were heavy. and very soon her senses were locked in slumber.

Al Abbas moved noiselessly to the spot where the worn maldens slept, and presently others of his band joined him.

"By the blood of Cush," muttered the robber chief, "they are beautiful enough! The lady Ulin is the fairest maiden I ever saw."

"They are both of them far too beautiful to be roaming at large," said another of the gang.

"They are worth more than jewels," added a third.

"You are right," responded the leader. "This princess would sell for a diadem, beyond the Syrian desert. But let them sleep, and when they are rested we will call them. If we would turn the prize into gold, we must not suffer it to fade from neg-

After this the robbers sat down to their morning's meal; and when they had done eating some of them went to sleep upon the grass.

At the expiration of two hours Ulin her companion convulsively by the arm, and cried:

"Only a dream, dear mistress. We are safe and well,"

"Thank heaven!" Al Abbas, as soon as he saw that the girls were awake, gave a shrill momentous change. To arrive at some

and dirty; but their weapons were horses, also, noticed the signal, for together, as though ready to serve (To be continued.)

The Nigeria Region.

Nigeria is an important region in Africa and comprises the whole of the British sphere (with the exception of the colony and the Protectorate of Lagos), within the lines of demarcation arranged by the Anglo-German agreements of 1885, 1886 and 1893, and the Anglo-French agreements of 1889, 1890, and 1898. The region covers between 400,000 and 500,000 square miles, and its population is variously estimated at from 25,000,000 to 40,000,000, but in the absence of any census, no reliance can be placed on such estimates. It is certain, however, that a great number of towns in Nigeria contain considerable population. For administrative purposes Nigeria is temporarily divided into two governments. Northern Nigeria and Southern Nigeria, but in the absence of any data it is impossible to say which section has the largest population. Brigadier-General Sir F. J. D. Lugard, K. C. M. G., C. B., D. S. O. is the high commissioner for Northern Nigeria-Montreal Herald and Star.

How Ruskin Learned Obedience. John Ruskin, who wrote so many famous books, said the first lesson he learned was to be obedient. evening," he says, "when I was yet in my nurse's arms, I wanted to touch the tea-urn, which was boiling merrily. It was an early taste for bronzes. I suppose, but I was resolute about it tain arab robber, whose deeds had back. I insisted on putting them forcaused him to be feared by honest ward. My nurse would have taken me away from the urn, but my mother The rescal seemed pleased with this said: 'Let him touch it, nurse,' So I

Truth, not eloquence, is to be sought

**Current Topics** 

OTTO SVERDRUP.

Explorer Who May Have Found the North Pole.

A rumor has sprung up in Christiania that Captain Otto Sverdrup, the Arctic explorer who won his reputation as an assistant of Nansen, whom he accompanied in 1888 on his famous expedition across Greenland and on Nansen's still more famous voyage on the Fram, has reached the north pole and is now returning home. There is no confirmation of this report, nor is anything known of its origin, but even the rumor has aroused the keenest in-

Captain Sverdrup sailed on his expedition to the arctics on June 14, 1898. The ostensible purpose of the expedition was to explore Smith's sound and the Robeson channel, discover the northern limits of Greenland, study the origin of the palaeocryptic ice, and to note the tides and temperatures; but there was no doubt at the time the expedition sailed on the Fram from Christiania that the bold Sverdrup and at least one or two of his companions would push on and try to reach the pole.

The outfit of the expedition consist ed of ski, sledges, canoes, snowshoes, and everything necessary for transportation. Clothing and sleeping bags were taken along, while the food supplies were large and varied. The draft animals on the Fram numbered ten splendid elk dogs, a large variety of the Finn dog, wolfish in appearance. To these were added eighty Eskimo dogs, secured in Greenland. Of the sixteen members of the expedition five were executive officers and five were scientists.

The last heard of Sverdrup was during the summer of 1899, when he was on the no: thwest coast of Greenland.

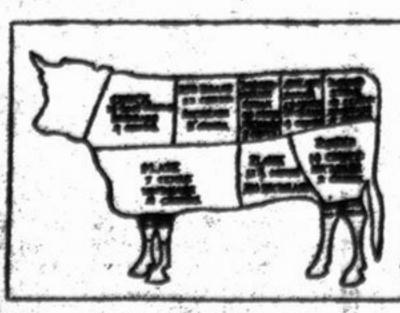


CAPT. OTTO SVERDRUP.

Lincoln's Sea, to the northwest of that point, was ice free the following summer, according to the American explorer, Lieutenant Peary, and Scandinavian scientists declare there is a strong probability that Sverdrup seized the opportunity and reached the

College Education and Marriage. Professor E. L. Thorndyke of the "O! and it was only a dream. How Teachers' College, connected with Columbia College, has been discussing the problem, now beginning to be an old one, whether women who are college graduates marry, and, if so, at what age they decide in favor of making the solution of the problem he has been studying the cata oznes of Vassar. Smith, and Wellesley Colleges, as well as of the coeducational institution at Oberlin, and the result is summed up in the conclusion that as time goes on college women are less inclined to marry. He says: "It is absurd to suppose that college women differ from others in possessing superior attractiveness in mature years, and we are therefore, led to conclude that the college graduate has been growing less and less inclined to get married, or less and less able, or both."

Price of Beet Sours. The retail price of meats in Chicago is higher than for years, says the Tribune. The housewife, the restaurantkeeper, and the hotel proprietor all are feeling the effects of the drought which extended over the country last summer. Scarcity of corn and other feed for fattening stock is the reason assigned for the increased price of all meats. Within the last few months beef has been advanced from two to three cents a pound, the heaviest increase in prices being on the finer grades and choice cuts. Although those who can afford to buy the better meats are bearing the bulk of the burden, even the poorer consumers are



SHOWING INCREASE ON DIFFER ENT PARTS OF BEEF.

finding that their money goes only a little way in a butcher shop. There is only one consolation for the consumer touched it, and that was my first les- in the general rearrangement of prices. "You have hit the truth, my fair son in the meaning of the word lib. | The high prices of corn and feed is compelling the stock raiser to ship his peef to the market before it is fat ough to be classed as choice grade. As a result, the advance has been ste in the price of poorer grades

The Presidential Trees. When President Roosevelt decides to take a short rest and gues to his Oyster Bay home he will find waiting for him at the Long Island railroad depot in Brook'yn what will hereafter be known as the "presidential train." It will consist of a special engine and combination coach and one of the two famous club cars used by the millionaire tavelers on the line on their trips to their slummer homes. This car is now being refitted and when completed will have all the comforts of home without being gorgeous.-Chicago Chronicle.

Awarded the Highest Prize. Buffalo, N. Y., Oct.—The New Domestic Sewing Machine Co. has today been awarded, at the Pan-American Exposition, the highest prize, the coveted gold medal, for the best family sewing machine.

Takes No Money from Pupils. Professor Hubert Herkomer, although generally accounted an Englishman, is really a Bavarian. He refuses to accept money from his art pupils and is an enthusiastic cricketer.

It is announced that the leading fea-

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