## ocourge. Jamascus

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CHAPTER XVII.- (Continued.) And thus was the work accomshed; and with a result not to be adered at. The Arabs had been orave enough over their rich prizes,

but they had lacked the sinew and force of the attacking party. In fact, upon foot, hand to hand, and front to front either Julian or his lieutenant might have been a match for half of

"Those two rascals are not worth ursuing," said our hero, as he noticed that Hobaddan was looking after the looing Arabs. "Let them go. We have gained all we sought."

After this Julian turned towards the females. Ulin saw him coming, and, with no thought save that of tenderest gratitude, she moved forward to meet

Heaven bless you, kind sir!" she said, as she extended to him her

"Sweet lady," returned the chieftain, fervently, "talk not of blessings to me. Let me be the one to call down blessings. I know to whom I owe my life and my liberty. Hobaddan has told me all. Oh, let me bear ever with the blessed privilege of rememberthee in my prayers to God!"

Tears gathered in the eyes of the maiden, and her tips trembled; and when she spoke her voice betrayed the deep emotion that stirred her soul. "Indeed, fair str," she said, with her hand still resting in his, "you should not deny to me the privilege which you claim for yourself. If you can feel pleasure in cherishing a holy grattrude, I can feel the same. When I remember the dreadful fate to which the Arabs had doomed me, I cannot forget the blessings which are due to the kind power that delivered me."

"As you please, lady," replied Julian, letting go her hand. "The thought that thou art blessing me will be a desaing indeed. And here is our fair Albin," he continued, turning to the condustiden-and a close observer might have seen that he thus turned in order to subdue emotious that were rising to trouble him. "I do not forthat some blessing belongs to night. For himself the chieftain did

have served my mistress," said act her own pleasure. Albis, modestly. And then, perceiving that a change of subject would be a silet to both parties, she added, "Wo awe you so much, sir, that you will be roed to accept my grateful blessings th those of my lady. And now, if I dare to interrupt you, will you all us how you chanced to discover

was very simple, lady," replied ulian, directing his answer to the fincess; "and though seemingly an hat some kind spirit must have supernded the work. When we left Daseems we took a course slightly diftent from this; but on the way we at a poor traveler who informed us hat he had been robbed. He did not tell us that the robbers were Arabs. and I fasicled that they might be some my own people. Fearing this, I determined to follow them. Their course was a crooked one, and when Inally reached the grove of datenalms, I had made up my mind to search no more. We were asleep in the grove, and Osmir awoke just as a party of horsemen were leaving the spring. He ran out and discovered that the strangers were Arabs, and that they had two females with them."

The chieftain directed the slaves to drag the bodies of the dead Arabs toather, and take from them the gold and lewels which had been taken from princess, and then to cover them up in the sand; after which he re-Hobaddan to examine his and. It seemed to be but a slight meture, just below the collar bone, son the left side, and as it was seding but slightly, Julian concluded not to have it probed. A simple comes staunched the blood, and it was sight that there could be no dan-

When the slaves had done their work, the chieftain approached our roine, and saked her whither she ished to go.

"I will see you safe to your journey's and," he said, "even though it be to he gates of Damascus."

"I so not that way, sir," she replied. I wish to find the cave of an old hermit named Ben Hadad."

Inlian started as he heard this; but mickly recovered himself. Do you know that old man?" he

air I never saw him, but he friend to my mother and I think

do you go out from Damascus

IRY FOR AIR, ASK me no quesf you know where Ben Hadad d it would not trouble you too freely accept your escort." tady, I not only know his

reach it by the rising of an-

the horses that had brought them from Damascus; and when all was ready, the chieftain and his lieutenant led off, leaving Shubal to ride with the females, while Osmir and Selim brought up the rear.

A Story of

the East...

SYLVANUS

COBB. JR.

A few hours past noon they stopped in a pleasant grove, where pure fresh water bubbled forth from a basin of white sand, and here they made a dinner of bread and fruit while the horses rested. Julian spoke with the princess and asked her how she bore the fatigue of the journey; but his manner was free from any shade of familiarity. She in turn asked concerning his wound, and expressed the hope that it might not prove serious. When he had gone, Albia remarked:

"The more I see of that man, the more do I love and honor him. He is no common man, my lady."

"I shall always remember him with gratitude," returned Ulin, gazing down

as she spoke. "And I," added the bondmaiden. earnestly, "should like to remain with him, and serve him always,"

"You are generous, Albia." "Because I am but a poor slave, and can only pay such debts with grateful

"No, no, Albia-a slave no more When we left my father's house you stepped forth free. You are my companion-not my stave."

The girl caught the band of her mistress, and bathed it with tears.

"Free!" she murmured. "Aye-free to serve you now and evermore! Still, dear lady, there is a holy satisfaction | fell from her lips. in feeling that the servile badge is stricken off. Your poor slave loved you truly, and you may be assured that she will love you none the less now that she is a slave no more."

Shortly after this, and while yet Albia was drying her eyes, Julian called up the horses, and made ready for an-

Late in the evening they reached the bank of the Pharphar, and once more stopped to rest. The cave of the hermit was only a few leagues distant. and could be easily reached by midnot care. He wished the princess to

The cave of Ben Hadad was in a deep valley, where the river wound netween two long, high hims; and thick woods shut it out from the heat of the noosday sun and from the gaze of the stranger. A good path led to it from the plain, though a person needed acquaintance with the way in order safely to follow it. Julian was surely used to the path, for he threaded its various windings without any reident, still I cannot help thinking hesitation, and at length drew up before a bold face of rock, beneath an overhanging shelf on which was the entrance to Ben Hadad's cave. It was toe dark new to see all this plainly. but those who had been there before knew very well where they were. A loud call from Hobaddan soon brought a lighted torch from the cave, borne by a black slav.

> "What ho, Ortok; where is your master?" demanded the lieutenant.

"Ho, ho-it is Hohaddan." "Yes, you grinning rascal, it is ! and it is also Juffan; and, further more, others are with us. Where is

"He is in his bed, sir, sound asleep." "And where is my-where is Eza

'She is also asleep, sir."

"Then call them at once. But hold lead us into the cave first

The negro came out with his torch, and while Hobaddan stopped a few moments with the slaves to look after the horses, Julian led Ulin and Albia into the cave. It was a broad, high chamber in the solid rock, and the light of the torch revealed the fact that there must be other chambers be-

in a little while a tall, broad-shouldered old man, with hair and beard as white as the breast of a swan, came forth from a distant passage, and almost at the same time an aged woman came from another direction. Julin quickly approached them, and spoke a few words in private and then said,

"These ladies, good father and mother, seek your aid and protection. Ask them no questions tonight, for they are worn and weary, and need repose. On the morrow they will tell you their story." He then approached the prin-

The old woman, when she saw Albia's face, recognized her at once; and as she gazed upon the beautiful features of the princess, the latter said tures of the princess, she said:

"Good mother," replied Ulin, "I shall tell you the whole truth and then you will know just how much protection

And thereupon she went on, and related all that had transpired to the present. She told how she had consented to be the wife of the king-she told of the death of her mother and then she told how, in her bereavement she beenn to dread and fear the man

seed it warmly between her own.

protect you, if need be, with all the power I possess; and I assure you that our good Ben Hadad will join me with all his heart. You did right in fleeing from the wicked king. I know him well, lady; and I believe you have not only saved yourself from an unhappy fate, but you have saved Horam from committing more crime. Thus much we understand; and now, my dear Ulin, if I may venture upon the inquiry, what do you propose to do in the future?"

"My thoughts in that direction have been vague and troublesome," replied the princess. She spoke frankly, for Ezabel had won her entire confidence. "I have reflected upon the subject, and my mind has found but one resting place. I must remain away from Damascus until the king is dead. I can think nothing more. Where abide I care not, so long as I am safe from harm."

The princess fell upon the woman's neck and blessed her; and after a little time sne became calm, and wiped the grateful tears from her face. Her next question was of Julian. Had he yet left the cave?"

"No." replied Ezabel; "nor will he leave it at present! He is wounded in the breast, and---"

"Wounded!" repeated Ulin, catching suddenly at the word, and turning pale. "Is it dangerons?"

"No, not dangerous, lady; but he must have rest and nursing. It is more serious than he at first thought; but if he is careful, there will be no danger."

"Oh," cried the maiden, in a tone of relief, "I am glad it is not dangerous. If he had suffered on my account, the joy of my escape from Horam would have been sadly darkened."

CHAPTER XVIII.

Ezabel bowed her head, and pressed her hands upon her brow. There was certainly some deep and sudden emotion moving within her, for her frame ist convention at Buffalo a few days trembled, and incoherent whisperings

"Julian will not suffer," she said. when she at length raised her head. "Ben Hadad has examined his wound. and it can be easily healed."

time," pursued Ulin, musingly, "Yes, I have known him from childhood, and my son has been his con-

strat companion." "Your son?" "Ah-perhaps you did not know that Hobaddan was my son."

"I did nt." "Well-such is the fact. Hobaddan is my only child. He was a strong youth, with the stature of manhood. while yet Julian was an infant; and from those early years the two have been always together. In the beginning Hobaddan was the guide and protector; but in later years, since Julian has reached the age and streagth of moturity, my son has been content to cail him master."

Julian is much feared in Damascus," said Ulin.

"The king fears him," returned Ezabel, quickly: "and he has occasion for fear; but no poor man fears him. However, I will not take it upon myseif to excuse Julian's faults. He may hare sinned; he may have pursued his revenge too far. Let those who have suffered what he has suffered condemn him if they can."

"He has suffered much, good mom-"More than I can tell, my child,"

"He is of Damascus born?" Yes."

"And perhaps of honored family?" "The blood which runs in his veins is as pure and noble as ever supported a human life. The king himself caunot houst a nobler origin; aye," continued Ezabel, with startling earnestness, "and even now, with the whole story of his life up to this present hour, stamped upon his brow, he is nobler, and better, and purer, than the lords of Damascus. He is a man, and his heart is true; and I love him for the generous, devoted love there is in

(To be continued.)

INDIVIDUALITY OF A CHILD.

Children Derive Many Traits from Their Faraway Ancestry.

No two children, even in the same household, are alike. Twins, bern in the same hour, and externally bearing lineaments which possess such close resemblance that strangers do not know the little ones apart, are often very dissimilar in disposition and mental traits. Who can tell what pecultarities, derived from some faraway ancestor-a little child has inherited? This wee maiden, unlike either parent, may be repeating in her temperament, her looks, and her ways a great-grandmother long since vanished from the earth. Each mother for each child needs to make a special study, and she need not be surprised to find herself so often baffled and at her wits' end to solve certain probems, and to manage in certain walooked for contingencies. If she will take the trouble to keep a record of her children, setting down in a journal day by day the interesting incldents, the small happenings, and the conclusions at which she arrives, she may be able by and by to assist other puzzled mothers. Of one thing the mother may be very sure, and that is that time is well spent which is devoted to the intelligent understanding of what is really for her child's good.

The little one whose life is ruled according to fixed hours, who is cared ahe had promised to marry.

for wisely and nourished on the best.

The woman took Ulin's hand, and food, who has plenty of sleep, plenty of fresh air, the right kind of clothing. in wept free from excitements and disthe bances, and emphered in an

## The Weekly Panorama.

STAMPS AS MONEY.

The recent theft of stamps in the Chicago postoffice has led to the suggestion of several plans either for making such thefts impossible in the future or for making them unprofitable to the thieves. Assistant Post master Hubbard believes that i "stamp certificates" were used in sending small sums by mail, a great source of danger would be removed. The mail order houses would be required to refuse stamps and to insist upou "stamp certificates," and in this way the use of stamps as currency would be largely curtaited. As things are at present, when not only small but frequently large sums are sent from one place to another in the shape of stamps, it is comparatively easy for a man to work off a fairly large block of stamps within a few years, and if he has bought those stamps at reduced rates he makes a considerable saving. The new plan would interfere seriously with such practices and would confine postage stamps to their proper function of appearing on the outside of envelopes. Another suggestion that has been made looks more directly toward the "fence" part of the stamp stealing business. If it were made an offense for any private dealer in stamps to sell more than a dollar's worth at a time, the sale of larger quantities would be regarded as in itself a confession of improper methods of securing the stamps.

A FRIEND OF THE CHURCH.

William Drew Washburn of Minnesota, who presided over the Universalago, is one of the wealthlest manufacturers in America and a wellknown citizen of Minneapolis, where his large flour mills are located. Mr. Washburn has participated in political life since 1861, when he was appointed "You have known Julian for some United States surveyor general of Minnesota. He was subsequently elected to congress for three terms and in



WILLIAM D. WASHBURN.

1889 was chosen United States senator. his term expiring in 1895. Like his late associate in business, former Governor Pillsbury, Mr. Washburn was born down east and spent his early years in a bard struggle for success He settled in Minnesota in 1857 and took a large part in the railway construction of the Northwest. He served as president of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railway union until that road was well on the way to its completion, and then retired from its active management. Mr. Washburn is 60 years old.

BULLER'S SUCCESSOR.

Major General John Denton Pinkstone French, who has been appointed to succeed General Sir Redvers Buller as commander of the First Army Corps is one of the comparatively young soldiers who have risen to high positions in the British military service. He had fought in the Soudan and in the east previously to his appointment in 1899 to the command of the cavalry division in Natal. He is one of the two or three British generals who have fought the Boers with success. He was in command at Elandslaagte, at Reifontein and Lombard's Kop, and was the commander also of the operations around Colesburg and in the movements which culminated in the relief of Kimberley. He directed the cavalry troops in the campaign which ended in the capture of Bloemfontein and Pretoria, and was the officer in charge of Lord Roberts' left wing in the battles east of Pretoria on June 19



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