de Scourge Damascus

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CHAPTER XIX.--(Continued.) He had taken her hand and was sing it to his lips; but she sudmly drew it from him.

"No! no! no!" she murmured. "Pardon, lady. I meant no offense." The tone was one of grief. "Oh-Julian! Julian! Leave me not

She rested her freed hand upon his arm and gazed up into his face. Her eres were streaming with tears and

her bosom heaved convulsively. "Lady-Ulin!"

"Julian!-O. in this hour of helplessmess and need I turn to thee with all my trust and faith. If the love of this poor heart is worth the cherishing, do it." take it, and keep it always. I have no power-I have no choice. The light of thy face, beaming in love upon me reveals to me that I am bound to thee by chains which I cannot break."

She rested her head upon his bosom; and he, winding his stout arms about her, pressed her to his heart as a treasure the most precious that earth could bestow.

The sun sank to its evening rest, and the shades of twilight deepened over the river and over the grove. The stars came out, one by one, in their celestial stations, and anon the silver moon, lifting its face above the aftle of Hobah, cast its soft light into the vale. Still the lovers sat beneath the orange tree; and there they might have sat late into the night, had not Omnir come to interrupt them.

What did the guard want at that hour and in that place. He sought his master. Julian arose and went to him and they whispered hurriedly together; and then Ulin was sure that she heard the Arabs mentioned.

"Olin," said the chieftain, coming back and taking her hand, "you might with me to the cave. I am called bere." in another direction."

What is it? You tremble, Ah, Julian-there is danger."

"No, no, sweet love; harbor not that fear. I go to ward off danger. O. I have something more than life to care for now."

un, all out of breath; but before he gould speak his master stopped him. "I understand, good Selim, Osmir

has told me-"But-my master-" "In a moment. Wait till I come

And thus speaking Julian led the maiden to the cave.

"Excuse me now," he said, raising her hand to his lips. "I will be back shortly. You will not fear?"

CHAPTER XX. A Ling's Story

The first person whom Ulin met after entering the cave was Szabel. who stood by a table upon which a famp was burning.

in search of rou. We were anxious. What-have you been in tears? Ulin. what is it? What has happened?"

The maiden, in memory of the great event of the evening, forgot the cause of fear that had been with her. It you again." was a secret she could not keep—a seeret she had no wish to keep; and resting her head upon Ezabel's shoulder, she told toe story of her love.

"Dearest Ulia," said the aged ma tron, kissing the maiden upon the beew, "he is worthy of the trust you have reposed in him!"

At that moment Albia come in from the grove where she had been in search of her mistress; and very soon ste, too, had heard the story. She raised into Ulin's face a moment, and then, with a tear glistening in her eye.

benceforth I can serve and love you power!

As Albia spoke, and before any reply would be made, Julian came hurrying into the cave. He was much excited and Ben Hadad saw a fear upon his face such as had never been seen there

"My son," spoke the hermit, "what means this? Your manner betokens danger.

"And there is danger." cried the wrong. ing chieftain, noving instinctively to Uhn's side. "I fear that I have been seh to blame. I should have been warned by the words of Osmir and itm. Those two Arabs have evidently discovered our abiding place."

Well-and what then?" asked Ben

Think tuey have brought a large What of Arabs? Do they mean to

erhaps," suggested Abia, "they to recapture what they have

moved to Julian's side. ed upon his stout arm. He kissed bon the brow and bade her be od courage; and then he said to there in answer to what had been

fear the truth has not yet ber em was the daughter ber ft."

may have anticipated some gain of reward by carrying intelligence to Aboul Cassem. If they have done this, then they must also have revealed the whereabout of the Scourge of Damas-

A Story of

the East...

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A low cry of pain from Ulin told how directly the fear had touched her; and again her lover sought to calm

"We must leave this place," he said, "and seek shelter in the wood. You and I and Albia will go, and the guards will join us outside. I know where there is safety, so have no fear. Should the rascals come they will not harm these old people; they will not dare to

Ulin had drawn a mantle about her shoulders, and Julian had turned to speak apart with Ben Hadad, when Osmir came rushing into the cave, with terror depicted most painfully upon his ebon features.

"They are coming!" he cried. "They have sprung upon us from a hidden cover."

Who are coming?"

be hope."

"They are the king's soldiers, led by the captain, Benoni!" On the next instant the clash of

arms was heard at the entrance "Back, back, sweet love," said Julian, gently pushing the maiden towards her chamber. "There may ye

He grasped a sword as he spoke, and leaped toward the entrance; but he was too late. Already a score of armed men were rushing in, a number of them bearing flaming torches in their

"Come, good Osmir," the chieftain cried, bracing himself for the work. "Capture for us is certain death. We can do no better than to sell our lives

One-two-three-four of the royal soldiers fell beneath the lightning-like strokes of Julian's trenchant blade; and in the same time Osmir had slain two; but it was not in the roll of fate that two were to overcome the force that came pouring into the cave. A At this point Selim came running flaming torch was hurled upon the chieftain, and while he staggered beneath the blinding stroke he was drawn over backwards and his arms quickly pinioned. The next movement was to secure Ulin and Albia, after which Ben Hadad and Ezabel were taken.

> "Will you lay violent hands upon me?" demanded the hermit.

"I am ordered to bring you all be fore the king," replied Benoni; whom I might find in this cave. mean to offer you no harm, so if you have complaint to make, save it for those who command me."

While the captain was searching other apartments, to see if more prisoners were to be found, Julian felt hand laid upon his shoulder, and on "My dear child, I was just coming looking up he beheld Judah.

"So, my noble chieftain, you ar fast once more. The gnard played false, it seems, and I came near losing my head in consequence; but my royal master will pardon me when he sees

CHAPTER XXI Innocence of Helen.

The king of Damascus had grown very old and very sour within those last few days. Rage and chagrin had so shaken his frame that he seemed stricken with palsy; and his voice, from its howlings and moanings, had become hoarse and cracked. But he had promise of sweet revenge. His soldiers were upon the track of the fugitives, and he believed they would bring them back. O, how he would gloat over the sufferings of his vic-I shall be very happy now, for time when they came within his

"I tell thee, Aboul Cassem," he said addressing his minister, "the fair, frail Ulin must suffer for this. She is no longer your child; I shall not regard

About bowed his head, and answered that he was content.

Omar could not help noticing that his friend was in trouble, and he took the liberty to ask what had gone

"Alas!" cried Horam. "everything goes wrong." And he told how he had put away all his wives for the daughter of About Cassem, and how she had betrayed him and fled from him. And then he told how he had once captured his dreaded enemy, the Scourge of Damascus, and how the prize had slipped through his fingers by means

of the treachery of his slaves. "By my life," exclaimed Omar, "you

have been most sorely afflicted." "But the worst is yet to be told." pursued Horam, clenching his hands, and gnashing his . teeth. "The robby and the lady Ulin went off on the same night, and I have every reason to believe that she corrupted my slaves to set him free. In fact, I am sure she did. I think they will be all within my power by tomorrow. Omar, you have known much of there may be another solu- sorrow. I have grown old since we the problem. Those two ras last met-very old. In years I am but ed us could easily have the passing of two harvests ahead of to this place. We were you; but in trial and trouble I have tate on what you read, as much as or such a thing, and so left you far behind. The last time your time, capacity and disposition against it. They knew were in Damascus the first great trial will give you feave, ever remembering iden who had been of my ill; came upon me. You memer

"Do you mean the Lady Relena?" "To be sure I do. Mercy! have you

"No," said Omar, shaking his boad "I remember Helena very well. She was the most bautiful woman I over

"Is ft possible? I did not think she would come to that." "How!" exclaimed the king of Da-

"And as false as she was beauti-

ful." added Horam.

"Does your memory fail mascus. "What mean you, Horam? My memory is good."

"Then why do you wonder when ? speak of the faithlessness of my first queen? Was it not yourself that gave to me the proofs of her infidelity? Did

you not show to me that she had fallen?" "You speak in riddles," said the king of Aleppo. "I remember that we once suspected the young queen of be-

stowing her love upon a captain of your guard-I think his name was Ja-"Yes," responded Horam. "Jabal was the man, and I slew him. It was your evidence that convicted both him and

Helena." "And was the queen guilty after that?"

"Guilty after that?" repeated ram, slowly and irresolutely. mean you? Do you imagine that I allowed her to live to commit more crime?"

"In mercy's name," cried Omar, what do you mean by this speech? Do you remember Sanballad and Ben Huram?"

"Yes," replied Horam. "They were two of my chamberlains, who accom panied you to Aleppo at the time of which we have spoken."

"No," said Omar, "they did not quite go to Aleppo. I sent them back be fore I reached my capital. They brought to you my message?"

"I never saw them again after they went away with you," returned Ho-"Never-saw-them, Good spirits o

mercy! Are you in earnest, Horam? "Aye. If they started on their return they must have been robbed and killed, for I never saw them after they left in your retinue."

The king of Aleppo clasped his hands in agony.

"O. Horam! Horam!" he exclaimed what a fearful mistake was that! Bear with me-forgive me!" "What is it, Omar?"

"Your beautiful queen was innocent!"

"Innocent!" gasped Horam, starting to his feet, and then sinking back

again.

"Yes, my brother," replied Omar, in trembling tones, "she was as innocent as in that natal hour when first she rested upon her mother's bosom. At Balbec we found a woman whom some of my officers brought before me supposing her to be the queen of Da mascus. She was very beautiful, and so nearly did she resemble the queen Helena, that even I was at first deceived. Her name was Jasmin, and she told me that she had just fled from Damascus and was waiting for her lover to join her. She said that Jabal was her lover, and that he was a captain of Horam's guard. The truth flashed upon me in a moment, I conversed with her until I had gained her whole story; and then I knew that your queen was innocent. It was proved to me, as clear as the sun noonday. At first I had a thought of returning myself, and bearing to you the joyful tidings; but business urged me on, and I sent Sanballad and Ben Huram."

"And they did not come!" uttered Horam, with his hands working nervously in his bosom. "They did not come-and my queen died."

"God forgive me!" ejaculated Omar. "I would have given my own life-

(To be continued.)

What He Might Do.

The custom of preserving the business name of a firm years after the founders have passed away or disappeared finds its reproof in a story related by the New York Evening Post. A young man who was sent out to canvass leading lawyers in a certain interest, entered the office of a firm of great prominence and said: "I should like to see Mr. M .- " mentioning the first name of the firm, "Very sorry sir, but Mr. M. has been dead years," was the answer, "Well, that case I should like to see Mr. the second name of the firm. N. retired from the firm over a year ago," said the clerk with a smile. "Indeed; then may I see Mr. O."-the last name of the three. "Mr. O.," replied the clerk, "safled last week for Enrope, and won't be back for a month yet; is there anything I can do for you?" "There is," answered the canvasser, with the atmost suavity; "some day when you have time you might bring the firm name up to date."

Are not all true men that live or that ever lived soldiers of the same army, enlisted under heaven's can tainry, to do battle against the same enemy-the empire of Darkness and Wrong? Why should we misknow one another, fight not against the enemy, but against outselves, from mere difference of uniform? Carlyle.

Read not much at a time, but medi-I that little reading and much thinking little speaking and much hearing, frequent and short prayers, and great deANTIFICIAL EYES.

They Were Made in Agypt Fire Mundived Years H. C. It is not known precisely when

where artificial eyes originated; but the annals plainly show that in ancient times the priests in Egypt and Rome, who practiced as physicians and sur geons, made artificial eyes, hands, arms, and legs-the Egyptians as carly as 500 B. C. Their method of eyemaking is thus described: On the center of a piece of fiesh-colored prepared linen, two and a quarter inches by one and a quarter, the flat side of s piece of earthenware, modeled life-size and painted to represent the human eye and eyelids, was cemented; and this linen, coated on the other side with an adhesive substance, was placed over the eye and pressed down. These artificial eyes were therefore worn outside the cavity, and though not strictly artistic in design or detail, were no doubt fully appreciated and worn with pride by the monocular Egyptian and Roman "toffs." It is chronicled that one of these artificial eyes was picked up in the ruins of Pompeli, which was destroyed in 79 A. D. The earliest known mention of modern artificial eyes that is, eyes worn inside the orbit-occurs in an exceedingly rare illustrated work on surgery, written by a French surgeon named Ambroise Pare, and published in Paris in 1561. Pare invented three artificial eyes. The first was a wonderful contrivance. It consisted of a thin metal spring-band which passed half way round the wearer's head, having on one end a small oval plate, which covered the orbit of the eye, and the other end pressed against the back of the head. The oval plate was covered with smooth, soft leather, on which an eye was painted. It would, perhaps, be difficult to devise anything more inelegant or uncomfortable. The second device was a hollow globe of gold, eye-shaped and enameled, which was worn inside the socket-the first recorded artificial eye thus worn. The third contrivance was simply a "shellpattern" eye, exactly similar in shape to those now used, but made of gold. and enameled. Except that they were made of gold and enameled, the two latter were practically of the same design as the "globe" and "shell" glass eyes of the present day. Pare's clumsy, truss-like appliance and his two gold eyes, which were used only by the wealthy, were succeeded by eyes made of painted porcelain and colored pearlwhite, which immediately became immensely popular. Next came the invention of glass eyes, which instantly superseded all others, and still com-

BOLD MONKEY SLEW SNAKE.

Strategy of the Simian Was Too Much

mand the public favor.

for the Cobra. At Bangalore, India, not long ago a

battle between a monkey and a snake was witnessed by a party of Europeans. The reptile, a cobra, was enjoying a sun bath near the highway, far from the beaten track of jungle travel, when the monkey espied him and deliberately put an end to his slesta by hurling at him every missile he could find. The snake wriggled awhile under the punlahment, and then in a fury gave chase to the monkey. The little simian was far too agile for the reptile, however, and kept him at a safe distance until a pile of rocks was reached. On this the monkey calmly perched, with his back against a bolder, and awaited the onslaught. The snake came on in blind rage, and again and again struck at the monkey, who dodged every blow, allowing the venomous head to strike the rock at his back. The cobra became more and more infurlated as he battered himself against the bowlder. and at last, bleeding and exhausted, lay at full length with every fighting instinct subdued. This was the monkey's opportunity. Seizing the snake by the neck he quickly rubbed the head off against a sharp point of rock, and then elimbed a tree and chattered gieefully at the admiring human spectators, who showed their appreciation of the spectatcle he had afforded by leaving a banquet of Indian corn and sugar cane for the victor.-Chicago Chronicle.

A Leper Found in St. Louis, Application has been made from St. Louis for the admission to the Louisiana Lepers' Home of Dong Gong, a laundryman of that city, recently discovered to be a leper. The St. Louis authorities declare that there is no hospital or home in Missouri, nor indeed any other in the country save in Louisiana, to which lepers can be sent, and it was proposed that Louisiana accept the Chinaman. Albert G. Phelps, president of the Board of Control of the Lepers' Home, said that the offer could not be accepted. The board frequently received proposition of this kind from various states, but had declined them

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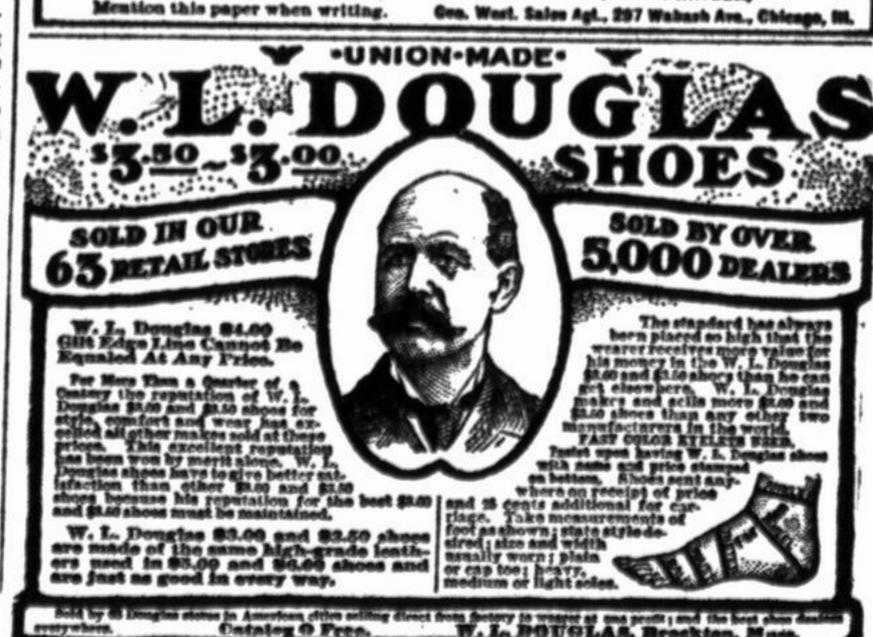
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