MARY THE MAID OF

A Story of the Romantic Age in England.

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CHAPTER II.—(Continued.) Then lay it to heart," said Foster: is likely to be my last!"

"You're beginning to weary me with Sour growls and threats." "Growls, not threats," Foster reslied. I never threaten in the sense

"And what is my idea of threats?" same as most of your other

"And what are they like?" "Like yourself, handsome and unre-

Mable." "I admit the first charge, because

cannot help it; I did not make my solf."

"Nor I." said Foster. "If you had-well, never mind that,

In what respect am I unreliable?" "In every respect; ask the women whom you know; ask the men you profess to lead."

"Oh, am I really a leader?" "Ditson, Jones, Wild, and the res think so."

Do you?" "Sometimes."

"Only sometimes?"

"Look here, Dick, you have had evy penny we have made since June. am hard up. We have both borrowed from Isaacs; you have borrowed from me."

"Well, who put money into your purse and enabled you to lend? I will not ask you to reply. I will admit a certain laziness of late-a holiday, if you like; but I will have no more of your scurvy tempers, Andy, do you bear?"

"I hear."

"What the devil is the name of this traveling bank of yours, this Midas in disguise, this argosy on the high-

"Bellingham," Foster answered in a

"Tall, sinewy, with strong hands, elean-cut jaw, fron-gray hair? He is in the house,"

"He came from the back and went into the bar as Tom showed us up the stairs."

Dick Parker had many accomplishments, and they gave him power as the chief of the enterprising company of gentlemen, whose headquarters were in the metropolis, and whose op erations were on the merry English highways.

He was a gentleman by birth and education. His family had come over with the Conqueror. One of his ancenters had sat in the House of Lords. but had lost title and estates for rebellious conduct. Another had been hanged for piracy on the high seas.

On the other hand, there was a bishop in his family, and his sister had married a Spanish Don. He had a wonderful faculty of observation, was quick in resource, generous, fearless, and had never taken a life, except once, in a duel that was forced upon

He had danced with the Duchess, had afterwards stopped and robbed on the way to Bristol. He had taken a big purse on Blackheath and gone straight to the swell taverns in St. James' street upon which the present aristocratic clubs rest their foundations, and doubled it er lost it at cards. He had been the most apparently timid of inside pas sengers in the York coach, and at a favorable moment made the rest the passengers prisoners, while Foster had ridden up and dominated guard and driver with his pistols. His as capades and triumphs were themes of admiration at a shady hostelyy within the sound of Bow bells, where a few choice spirits, his friends and companions, met as members of a club of Merchant Venturers.

"Supper," said a thick voice at the door, after the owner of the voice had struck the timber a strong hard blow necessary to make an impression upon the ears of those within.

"Right!" said Foster. "Do you feel better?" Dick asked.

"I am hungry," Foster replied. "After supper I am going into that little room, the bar parlor," said Dick. "No incivilities mind."

"Let us go up to supper." Foster replied with no signs of better humor.

"I am not joking, Andy." "I understand, and I mean busi-

It was a capital supper. Old Mor ley himself placed the first dish on the table.

They supped in the general room which was furnished in old mahogant. The sideboard was brilliant enough in its polish for a looking. glass. There was a white cloth upon it. On the cloth there were two great bowls of celery, a Cheshire cheese, a sirioin of beef, a Yorkshire ham and a white loaf of bread.

CHAPTER III.

"The supper consisted of a joint of stuffed chine and a dish of partridges done to a turn, and with the most sayory bread sauce that epicure could de-

ping upon a hot stew of some kind, though, mind you, he don't care for no desk, wrote the check, got the curand the light fell generously from a occupation in which there hain't good rency, gave it to the man, and he couple of wax candles upon a starry sale and barter, and the like; though walked out with it and has never cut decanter of sherry. The stranger | there is no more charitable "Squire in | been seen since." aged the other travelers curiously, and | all Yorkshire." Dick talked to his friend of their escape through the French cruisers say." mewhere in the Mediterranean, and service made himself and Foster that he neither fears heaven per hell, of how lasy he was when a boy.

out to be very worthy and very loyal persons.

After supper Dick asked the landlord if he and his friends might crack another bottle of Madeira in his snuggery, or smoke a pipe, or otherwise make themselves at home, being travelers who had not seen England for some years owing to the wars breaking out in countries with which they were trading as British merchants.

Morley, having consulted his niece, gave his consent, and upon the little table in the inner bar, Mary placed seme fruit with the wine, and a dish of fresh walnuts, and she hovered about the parlor all the time they sat and chatted, and uncorked a couple of her uncle's best Madeira; for Mary had extra duties on the night in question, otherwise she might have sat by the fire and joined in the conversation.

The bowling club members had held their usual weekly meeting, and scenting the first frost of the season, had made it an excuse for mulled ale and egg sherry; so that Mary was busy with the flush of her various responsibilities on her bright cheery face. She looked in Dick's eyes more lovely than he had even at first thought her. He could not keep his eyes away from her, and he thought, being accustomed to conquests among women, that she was not displeased with his undisguised admiration.

"Your daughter?" he said, Morley having spoken to Mary about the

"My niece," said Morley, "and the best and bravest girl in Yorkshire." "Or in any other shire, I am sure," added Parker.

"And you may say that, I believe," said the landlord.

"You will excuse the admiration of travelers who have seen none but foreign wenches for five years," said Dick; "it does one's heart good to see such a picture of health and beauty as your niece. What did you call her?"

"Mary," said Morley. "Mary Lock wood is her right name. She was my sister's child, God rest her, who lies with her good man in the Kirkstall churchyard this ten years."

"And so you took charge of her and became a second father to her?"

"That is the truth, whoever may have made it known to you," said Mor-

"Many guests in the house?" asked Foster, looking in an opposite direction from the person addressed, as was his wont.

"No; York coach went through with full complement of passengers, but none got down, and she don't change horses till she gets to Harrogate. Beyond yourselves and 'Squire Bellingham, a married couple from Derby, and Harry Dunstan, who fishes the Aire every autumn, we have nobody in the house; not as we have accommodation for many more, not laying ourselves out for much custom in that

"'Squire Bellingham!" said Foster, touching Dick with his boot.

"Well, we call him 'Squire, 'cause his father before him was 'Squire in these parts and farmed most of the land; but his son-well, he's more of merchant than a squire, for that matter. He does business in wool and is a bit of a broker in a way, and a rare good gentleman, and strong. He once had a quoit match with my Mary. I forget how many yards, thinking to get the betetr of her by distance and weight, but I won my bet-I tell you won it, and he give lass a new gown into the bargain."

Old Morley chuckled at the remembrance of Bellingham's discomfiture, adding: "But he bore no malice, not he; he is a gentleman, 'Squire Belling-

"Does he live hereabouts, 'Squire Bellingham?" asked Foster

"He do, and he don't," said Morley "Do, and he don't," repeated Foster

in his morose, grumpy fashion. "A traveler may be said to live in good many places, I reckon," said Morley, evidently thinking he had

said something clever. "That is true," said Foster.

"For instance, take yourself." "I live in London," said Foster.

"Of course you do, except and per adventure when you live in some good old hostelry on the road such, for instance, not at the same time desiring to be arrogant, as the saying is; such for instance, and peradventure, as the Star and Garter."

"You say true," answered Foster stolidly. "I make no doubt the 'squire is well content with the Star and

"The Squire is not well content with anything," Morley replied. "The 'Squire is as warm as warm can be, and yet he will go on laying up riches; the 'Squire is continually on the road; he buys in this market, he sells in the other; he is partner in the bank at Leeds; he buys cattle; he sells wool; and he has one of the finest

"And a brave man to boot, I hear

"If you mean brave to the sense

because he is a good man, and has he reason to: if you mean that he makes no account of highwaymen and the like, if you mean that he is ready to back his opinion with his money on any question-why 'Squire Bellingham is a brave man; but if you agree with me in thinking that to be properly brave you should also be cautious, then I think we shall come to the conclusion that the 'Squire is not brave in the right way, but rashrash, sir, reckless, decidedly reckless."

"In what way is he reckless?"

"In riding alone and sometimes at nightfall with large sums of money in his possession, with gold and notes in his belt or what not. These are perilous times, sir, when the roads are infested with men from the wars, who went to fight only for the fun of it, and who, being at home again and out of employment, are ready to fight their own countrymen, aye, and to slay them for that matter, for the sake of a booty ever so small-yes, sir, ever so small."

"But the 'Squire is well armed, of

"You never spoke more truly; armed to the teeth, as the saying is; armed back and front, and mounted a horse that can talk-yes, sir, talk! I'll be bound that 'Squire Bellingham's groom has had many an intelligent conversation with William, as was bred and broke on the 'Squire's own farm."

"Then he need, of course, have no fear, the 'Squire," said Foster, beating his boots with his whipstock. "Your highwayman is no fool; I suspect he knows who he is attacking. I have jail. ridden over nearly every highway in England, and it is well known that I carry barkers that bite like the devil, and if any unfortunate rufflan had had the hardihood to stop me he would not live to stop any other honest traveler."

CHAPTER IV.

Had not Dick Parker been quietly engaged in a conversation with Mary he would have put a spoke into the conversational wheel of Mr. Foster. It was well agreed in the company to which they belonged that Foster had no social gifts; that the less he said the better under any circumstances; but he plumed himself upon having drawn the landlord of the Star and Garter, though he had not added one lots of information to that already in the possession of his chief and him-

If Mr. Moriey had been as good a ate ones, and they will be given their judge of character as he was of a glass of Madeira or had he been a man of ordinary observation, he would hardly have been as friendly and confidential in his conversation with Foster as he was with the other stranger guest, Mr. Richard Parker.

But Morley, when he got the oppor tunity, liked to hear himself talk, and Foster was very willing to give him all the opportunity he could desire. and also to put in a word or two himself. It was well for Foster that Morley was as weak as he was good-natured, otherwise he might have suspected his guest's calling-this gentleman, who wished it to be understood that he lived in London, had much more the cut of a freebooter than a merchant; had much more the appear ance of a man to attack than to be at-

Foster had no redeeming qualities; Parker had several. Foster was thick-set, coloriess-looking person. He strong, heavy hands, long arma. big feet, and a hard, rasping voice. He was popular with those gentlemen who met now and then at that shady tavern in London, because he was a day morning. Besides the building. man of his word. He never went back nearly all the grip cars and trailers on anything he said or promised. His persistence, his capacity to creep where he could not walk to his quarry, his delight in his work, his physical strength, made him next in importance, if not next in popularity, to Dick.

(To be continued.)

DAVID H. MOFFATT.

One of the Fow Men Who Have Paid in Cash for Their Lives.

Mr. David H. Moffatt, president of the First National bank of Denver. Col., solved to his own satisfaction the question of whether a man should give up money to an assassin or not Several years ago a man came into the First National bank and went into Mr. Moffatt's private office. hand was a bottle containing a light-

colored viscous fluid. "Mr. Moffatt," he said, "I am a desperate man. This bottle contains two ounces of nitro-glycerin. If I explode it, you and I and the bank building will be blown to smithereens. I want \$22,000. I want you to write out a check for that amount, take it to the

"I don't believe," said Mr. Moffatt, "that the man had nitro-glycerin in the bottle. I didn't believe that he would have used it if he had. at the same time there was a chance that he did; there was a chance that he was a fanatic; there was a chance that he would have killed us both. figured the thing out in my mind quickly-a man's mind acts readily under such circumstances and I came to the conclusion that it was better houses hereabouts; and best servants, to give him the \$22,000 than to run At another table in the room was a a groom as can have no equal; but be the risk of my life, for \$22,000 was gentleman whom Dick had already ing a bachelor, he is restless like; and only a couple of weeks' income. Death christened Bellingham. He was sup- must have occupation, as he says; was eternity. I went to the cashier's

> Most women who angle for compilenents depend upon their curves. The oldest inhabitant never

ILLINOIS ITEMS

The four-story apartment building, known as the Olinger flats, at the corner of Indiana avenue and Thirty-fifth street, Chicago, was burned early Sunday morning. The sixty tenants, most of whom were asleep, were aroused by the dense smoke, and many narrow escapes from death were spectacular and exciting. So far as reported every one left from the building by fire escapes or by ladders hoisted to the upper windows by firemen. but much suffering was caused by exposure to the intense cold in scant

Macomb spent \$30,000 on street pav-

ing the past season. The burning out of a dynamo in the Carthage electric light plant caused the town to be in darkness for couple of weeks.

A camp of Royal Neighbors has been organized at Nauvoo.

The Jerseyville high school has seventy-five tuition-paying pupils, who pay a total of \$2,250, leading the schools of the state in that particular.

The pecan crop about Rushville has been large and remunerative, the nuts bringing \$2.50 a bushel. Schuyler county has a new \$12,000

The Livingston county poor farm has ninety-four paupers residing of

An electric railway between Paris and Champaign is projected.

December 23 to 28 the Logan county poultry fanciers will hold a show at Emden.

Antioch Baptists will build a \$4,000

The magic word "home" has loosened fron bars and given freedom to three boys confined in the John Worthy reform school, Chicago. As at evidence of Christmas cheer the home's boys, held at that institution for one offense or another, were offered novel means to gain their release in time for the holidays. The three who handed in the best essays on the subject of "Home" were to be allowed to go. Eddie Grifenhan, Herman Devry and William McGinnis are the fortunliberty by Judge Tuthill. The first, who will also receive prizes of \$10 each, and the last mentioned a prize of \$5, given by the Juvenile Record. for their excellence as essayists. There were fifty-three competitors. Just what plans are to be carried out in arranging for permanent homes and work for the three fortunate boys will not be decided upon until a committee visits the school and makes the personal acquaintance of the youthful prisoners. This committee will be composed of Judge Tuthill, Henry E Weaver and T. D. Hurley. "Of course, some splendid provision will be made for the boys," said Mr. Weaver, and he added with a meaning smile, " may be able to take care of all three myself." Both Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have taken a great interest in the homeless, and it is certain that they will all have work and homes.

The total destruction of the Lincoln avenue car barns of the Chicago Traction company, with more than 160 street cars, resulted from a fire that was discovered at an early hour Sunused on the Lincoln avenue line were

The twelve-year-old stepdaughter of Mrs. Jane Farr, of Taylorville, died Saturday night, the result of a butcher knife wound inflicted by the woman Great excitement exists over the trag-

Compulsory vaccination is in force in the Belleville schools.

The epidemic of smallpox in Blair and Bible Grove townships, near Flora, is reported at an end, and the public schools have been reopened.

The Salvation Army at Decatur will serve a Christmas dinner for 600 chilren at the barracks on East Main

A Baptist Sunday school union has been organized at Keyesport, with a membership of eighteen. The officers are: F. C. Quick, president; Mrs. Erwin Fox, vice president; Miss Grace Reddick, secretary, and J. M. Ditsch.

at Oakland, Coles county, has filed petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court. His liabilities cashler, get the currency, and give it are scheduled at \$2,141; assets, \$425, Garrison Groves, who has been

resident of Smallwood township, near Newton, since 1847, died Monday morning. He was 79 years old and the father of ten children, seven of whom survive.

The Oak Grove schoolbouse, located between Enos and Hettick, west of Carlinville, was destroyed by fire. The are is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

Governor and Mrs. Yates were guests of honor at the "holiday re- of the will of James Harvey Gray, deception" at Wesley hospital, Chicago, ceased, has filed approved bond in the Saturday night. Although the hospital has been in operation for some time, the reception marked the formal opening. In spite of the cold over 400 persons attended the opening. The of | suicide, and this leaves Mr. Howell at ficers of the board of trustees were so pleased with the success of the meeting that they decided to come the

Old "Billy," the rheumatic Jaguar at Lincoln park, Chicago, is undergo- of Cook county real e ing Christian Science treatment for his rhoumatism-an "absent" treatment at that. The jaguar, which for three years has suffered every winter with sharp twinges that made him grunt, is being visited regularly by a mysterious white-haired woman, who is supposed to be an earnest Christian Scientist, and is said to be a member of the Second Church of Christ, at Pine Grove and Wrightwood avenues. She carries a copy of one of Mary G. Eddy's works on Christian Science, and when there are few visitors in the animal house stands for twenty minutes at a time in front of the cage occupied by the lone jaguar. Policeman Jefferies has reported the strange actions of the mysterious Christian Scientist, whose name he has been unable to ascertain, to Capt. Pecoy. He said the last time the stranger made her appearance was the first of this week. Old Billy still has the rheumatism.

The forty-sixth annual meeting of the Illinois Horticultural Society was held at the University of Illinois at Champaign. The following officers were elected: President, Henry Dunlap, Savoy; vice president, A. H. Aldrich, Neoga; treasurer, J. W. Stanton, Richview, Resolutions were passed asking for increased appropriations for the study of fruit diseases, particularly crown gall and bitter rot.

President Hickey and Messrs, Watkins, Havenor and Quin met at Chicago to discuss plans for the future of the American baseball association. It was decided to establish headquarters for it in Chicago, and President Hickey will move his family to Chicago without delay. Other matters were considered, but details were withheld. Mr. Hickey said that he didn't expect any opposition from the old Western league, except in Kansas City and Omaha.

A deal was comsummated at Harrisburg, whereby the Harrisburg and Chicago Coal company became the purchasers of 840 acres of land underlaid with the famous 8-foot vein o coal known as the Big Muddy vein, paying \$55,000 for it.

What may clear up the mysterious disappearance of Joe Krumpsinski of Carbondale is found in the fact that a man answering his description was buried in Kansas City shortly after his departure.

Mayor Phillips, J. C. McCourtney and John C. Pierik, representing the Springfield Merchants' Association, signed a proposition at Springfield which had been submitted to the association by president Thompson of the Republic Iron and Steel Company whereby the company plans to open its rolling mills in that city as soon as the plant can be placed in condition for operation. The stipulation exacted by the company was that the citizens of Springfield subscribe for \$50,000 of the company's preferred stock. This

amount has been pledged. George E. Harris, a Cass county doneer, died Wednesday at his home at Virginia, aged 65.

A petition will be filed in the county court at Springfield asking that a commission be appointed to inquire into the mental condition of Archie Turner of Williamsville. Joseph D. Huber will file the petition. According to Huber's story, Turner, who is 35 years of age, has been in love with Hubers' 13-year-old daughter. His attetntions have been annoying to Mr. and Mrs. Huber, who board at the Williamsville hotel, where Turner boards. Recently Mrs. Huber told Turner that she wished he would cease his devotion to her daughter. Turner was deeply affected and refused to eat any supper or to speak to anyone. He stood in one place in the kitchen all that night and since then, it is said, has acted strangely.

The Kane county supervisors are just now suffering from the effects of an internal war growing out of the payment of costs in the famous butterine cases which were instituted by former Assistant State Food Commissioner Patterson some months ago. At the meeting of the supervisors, which was held at Geneva the bills for the costs in the case were presented, but Joseph F. Duncan, a farmer residing when it came to allow them the proposition was vigorously opposed by Attorney Robert Early of Elgin. Attorney Thomas Rushton .who is also member of the board, was equally as positive that they should be allowed, asserting that Early was decidedly wrong in claiming that the butterine cases were state cases and as such the costs should be settled by the state. The argument grew in proportions until an estrangement has been established which promises to divide the supervisors in the future. When it came to passing on the question the bill lost by a vote of 4 to 3.

At Salem James F. Howell, executor sum of \$220,000. In the will Thomas twelve hours. The i W. Haymond and James F. Howell were named as executors, but before qualifying Mr. Haymond committed the sole executor. The estate is estimated at \$200,000.

Cook county members of the embers have agreed to allow

plated by the state cous at Springfield. The Cook bers are fighting against any have little hope of suc is imposed it will mean that Chicago owner of real property have to pay a twentieth more than under the valuation made board of review. Seventy per ce the actual value of corporation railroad property is being discuss a basis for assessment by the under the new rules adopted ye A. D. Wheeler, representing the cago Telephone Company, asked f the assessment this year be les the revised assessment made for 1800 He stated that the board last year as sessed the company at \$5,000,000. Late it added \$3,000,000, making \$3,000,00 If this ratio is followed this year, with \$2,000,000 added, the assessment be on \$11,200,000. In seven years, be said, the company may be out of a istence.

Illinois natal day was commented ed by a meeting held by Illinois so ciety in the hall of the house of repri sentatives Tuesday. Patriotic spec telling of the career of the prairie state pointing to her achievements and to the record of her illustrious some were fruitful themes for the speakers. The principal orators were former Vice President Adlai B. Stevenson of Bloomington whose topic was The Early History of Illinois," at the afternoon session, and Governor Yates, who spoke briefly at the evening a State Superintendent of Public Instruction Aifred Bayliss and County Superintengent of Schools Charles Vandorn were also heard. An unpublished poem, "A Tribute to My Native Land," by Owen Lovejoy, was read in the evening.

Robert Shamblin, the bank mem ger who disappeared from Mobile on hursday with \$6,000, was captured in Cairo Saturday, All but \$100 was re-

The Illinois Retail Implement Dealers' association held the opening near sion of their annual state convention at Peoria with an attendance of fully 186. C. B. Griffiths of Rushville, the president, delivered his annual adshowing what had been accomplishby the association since its organisa tion. H. C. Staver of Chicago and Mr. Wells of Peoria delivered short ad dresses. At night Martin Kingman delivered a lengthy talk on the mann facture and trade in general. There were a number of other papers, an excentive session and the election of of-

Judge Thompson at Jacksonville overruled the motion for a new trial asked by William Ferguson, charged with poisoning Dr. Barnes there last April. Ferguson has been sentenced for twenty years.

Distressed by the belief that he had brought diagrace to himself and reintives because the police had been summoned to his home, James Oatson, 215 One Hundred and Seventeenth street. Chicago, shot and killed himself in the presence of his mother and brother last night. The tragedy followed a quarrel which Oatsen had with his brother, Robert, over the admission of a niece to the household.

The identity of the man whose home is thought to have once been in Chicago and who committed suicide a few days ago in Olympia, Thurston county Wash., is being sought by the official of that city in a telegraphic communication received yesterday by Acting Chief of Detectives Rohan of Chienge The suicide, who is described as being about 46 years old, was found dead seated in a chair in his room at the Baidwin house. The man had placed the chair directly in front of a mirror in the room, and, taking deliberate aim, had fired a builet through his

Backed financially by a committee the leading members of which are Alfred Bosworth, eashier of the First National Bank, and George Hawthorne, a wealthy hardware merchant the Elgin trades council has made its initial step in the prosecution of the aldermen who favored the granting of the street railroad franchises to the Elgin, Aurora and Southern Traction company. The case was given to an Elgin law firm. If the views taken agree with those of the council-that the franchise is void-action will be immediately taken empowering the attorneys to proceed with the process

Miss Jessie Michael announced to her friends at Pans the fact that the 19th of last June she had b wedded to the deputy county cle Christian county, Mr. John By

The Epworth League of the ville district of the German M. church met at Nashvilla

Richard Wright was struck on Both men are em

Wright can not live