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CHAPTER XV .- Continued.

then streaming up and down the cattle | land that bore her. range, the reputation of the Halfway House was carried far and near; and to marry you," she said to Franklin for fifty miles east and west, for five keenly, "but to tell you that I would aundred miles north and south, the House was matter of general story. About her there grew a saga of the cow range, and she was spoken of with awe from the Brazos to the Blue. Many a rude cowman made long pilgrimage to verify rumors he had heard of the personal beauty, the personal sweetness of nature, the personal kindness of heart, and yet the personal reserve and dignity of this new goddess, whose like was not to be found all the wide realms of the range.

that of the saddle, Mary Ellen had a and traditions of their life. Pain they simply as children, of deeds which a rude field of knight-errantry, whose history of values as it had been writ principles sat strangely close with the | ten up to the edge of that time and best traditions of her own earlier land | place. and time. They were knights-errant, and for all on the Ellisville trail there was but one lady.

As for Edward Franklin himself, he could not in his moments of wildest egotism assign himself to a place any better than that accorded each member of the clans who rallied about this **Southern** lady transplanted to the Western plains. Repulsed in his first unskilled, impetuous advance; hurt,

destroyed her people, and banished In the swift current of humanity her in this far wandering from the

"Providence did not bring me here never marry you-never, not even beauty of the girl at the Halfway though I loved you, as I do not. I am still a Southerner, am still a 'rebel. Moreover, I have learned my lesson. I shall never love again."

Poor medicine as it is, work was ever the best salve known for a burt ing heart. Franklin betook him to his daily work, and he saw success attend his labors. He felt growing in his heart the stubbornness of the man of property, the landholding man, the man who even unconsciously plans a For each of these rude, silent, awk- home, resolved to cling to that which ward range riders, who stammered in he has taken of the earth's surface for speech except to men or horses, his own. He knew that this perfervid and who stumbled in all locomotion but | time could not endure, knew that the sweep of American civilization must kind spot in her soul, never ceasing occupy all this land as it had all the to wonder as she did at the customs lands from the Alleghenies to the plains. He foresaw in this crude new when not, fear they had not, and duty region the scene of a great material was their only god. They told her activity, a vast industrial development. It needed no great foresight now caused a shudder, now set ting- to realize that all this land, now so ting the full blood of enthusiasm, and | wild and cheap, could not long remain opened up unconsciously to her view wild and cheap, but must follow the

Of law business of an actual sort there was next to none at Ellisville, all the transactions being in wild lands and wild cattle, but, as did all attorneys of the time. Franklin became broker before he grew to be profescional man. Fortunate in securing the handling of the railroad lands, he sold block after block of wild land to the pushing men who came out to the "front" in search of farms and cattle stung, cut to the quick as much at his ranches. His own profits he invested own clumsiness and fanure to make again in land. Thus he early found himself understood as at the actual himself making much more than a live-

herds of the buffalo. The face of Ruture was changing. The tremendous drama of the West was going on in all its giant action. This torrent of rude life against which the hands of the law were still so weak and unavailing. had set for it in the ways of things a limit for its flood and a time for its receding.

it asked of each man what nobility there was in his soul. Franklin began to grow. As he looked beyond the day of cattle and foresaw the time of the plough, so also he gazed far forward into the avenues of his own life, now opening more clearly before him. He rapidly forecast the possibilities of the with grim self-confidence felt them well within his power. Beyond that, then, he asked himself, in his curious self-questioning manner, what was there to be? Wherein was he to gain that calmness and that satisfaction which ought to attend each human soul, and entitle it to the words "Well done?" Odd enough were some of these self-searchings which went on betimes in the little office of this plainsman lawyer; and strangest of all to Franklin's mind was the feeling that, as his heart had not yet gained that which was its right, neither had his hand yet fallen upon that which it was to do.

side of the law, not so much by reason of its dry difficulty as through scorn of its admitted weakness, its inability to do more than compromise; through contempt of its pretended beneficences and its frequent inefficiency and barmfulness. In the law he saw plainly the lash of the taskmaster, driving all those yoked together in the horrid compact of society, a master inexorable, stone-faced, cruel. In it he found no comprehension, seeing that it regarded humanity either as a herd of slaves or a pack of wolves, and not as brethren laboring, suffering, performing a common destiny, yielding to a common fate. He saw in the law no actual recognition of the individual, but only the acknowledgment of the social body. Thus, set down in a day miraculously clear, placed among strong characters who had never yet yielded up their souls, witnessing that time which knew the last blaze of the spirit of men absolutely free, Franklin felt his own soul leap into a prayer for the continuance of that day. Secing then that this might not be, he fell sometimes to the dreaming of how he might some day. If blessed by the pitying and understanding spirit of things, bring out these types, perpetuate there times, and so at last set them lovingly before a world which might at least wonder, though it did not understand. Such were his vaguo dreams, unformulated; but, happily, meantime be was not content merely to dream.

(To be continued.)

Convinced Russia's Emperor That

eavairy around their carriage.

A similar test applied in Rome had different consequences. The head of the Russian police remained there for a whole week without his arrival being suspected. On the evening of the sixth day he called on Count Nelidoff to report himself, to the great astonishment of that ambassador. They both agreed that if the Roman police had not scented out the head of the greatest police force in the world they could not be depended upon to know much about the goings on of anarch ists and nihilists. This is alleged to be the true reason why the czar de clined to trust himself in the king of

Phoraoh's Treasures.

While studying in the British Museum a papyrus which was published 4,000 years before Christ, an Egyptologist recently found a clear and concise account of the treasures which the ancient sovereigns of Egypt buried in various parts of the Libyan desert, and now an expedition is being formed in London for the purpose of searching for this wealth. The necessary funds have already been secured and in a short time a few skilled explorers will start for the desert, where the technical work will be prosecuted under the supervision of Messrs, Lake and Currie, two English engineers. The writer of the ancient papyrus says that the Pharachs hid an immense quantity of gold and precious stones in the region which is known by the name of the "Valley of Kings," and there the first excavations will be made. The task will not be easy since the country to be searched extends over 40,000 square leagues.

Miniature Typewriter.

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Burrow Through Levees.

roads that crawfish and muskrats are making in the levees along the Mississippi river. The crawfish burrow into the levee and the muskrats follow to catch and eat them. Then the muskrats burrow right through the bank, and make so many holes of this kind that in time of flood a break is likely to occur.

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damage and dozens of others.-Atchison Globe.

Moon and Weather.

donkey, delay, dim, dunce, deserted,

duplicity, disturbed, disabled, decay

Speaking of the superstition that the changes of the moon influence the weather, Prof. Pickering points out that since the moon changes every seven and a half days, every change in the weather must come within four days of a change in the moon, and that changes will necessarily come within two days of a lunar change.

"Public Opinion" says of "Free, Not Bound." the latest work from the pen of Katrina Trask, (G. P. Putnam's Sons): "It is noteworthy for its singularly unencumbered form, the purity and sanity of its feeling and the subtly delicate and refined interpretation of the greatest of human emotions."

Fad Is Picture-Postcards.

A Parisian lady has no fewer than 12,000 picture postcards. She contemplates having every wall and ceiling of her house covered with them, and has just announced that it is her intention during the next five years to collect 50,000 more different speci-

Dewey's Prize Money Not Large. A good many editorial paragraphs are being written on the theory that Admiral Dewey is to get the whole of that \$829,723 prize money for the fect of police learned of his arrival Spanish ships sunk in Manila bay. As a matter of fact, his share will be one-fortieth-\$20,743.33.

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There remained to her only the memmy of a past the honor that ized, the traditions which she must as she admitted hitterly. More

ning to the end of time. an impetuous love there was raised but one barrier—the enduring resistance of woman's will, silent, not strenuous. inprotesting, but unchanged. To all his renewed pleadings the girl simply that she had no heart to give that her hope of happiness lay buried the field of Louisburg, in the faroff land that she had known in youngar and less troubled days. Leaving that land, orphaned, penniless, her life rushed down at the very portal of womanhood, her friends scattered, her amily broken and destroyed, her whole world overturned, she had left | laps a month or so would "reside" all hope of a later happiness. there overnight, a few faint furrows in datain. She was "unreconstructso she said, even could it lie in heart ever to prove anfaithful to lover who had died upon the field to never could it ha

that knows no change from the begin-

she knew that Franklin was coming.

"I am still a Southerner-am still a rebel!" rebuff received. Franklin none the less | ithood and laying the foundation of in time recovered sufficient equanimity later fortune. Long since he had to seek to avail himself of such advan- | "proved up" his claim and moved into tages as still remained; and he re- town permanently, having office and

tion he called now and again at the ed Ellisville had within its board of di Halfway Ranch and the major was glad each time to see him. Mrs. Burectors a so-called "Land and Improve ford also received Franklin with pleasment Company," which latter company are, and Mary Ellen certainly always naturally had the first knowledge of with politeness. Yet, fatal sign, Mary | the proposed location of the different Ellen never ran for her mirror when towns along the advancing line. When the sale of town lots was thrown open Of lovers Mary Ellen would hear of to the public, it was always discovered sone, and this was Franklin's sole con- that the Land and Improvement Comsolution. Yet all day as he labored pany had already secured the best of there was present in his subconscious- the property in what was to be the ness the personality of this proud and business portion of the town. In the sweet-faced girl. Her name was case of Ellisville, this inner corporaspelled large upon the sky, was voiced tion knew that there was to be lo by all the birds. It was indeed her cated here a railroad division point. face that looked up from the printed | where ultimately there would be car page. He dared not hope, and yet shops and a long pay roll of employes. shrunk from the thought that he must | Such a town was sure to prosper much not, knowing what lethargy must else | more than one depending solely upon inguif his soul. He heard so clearly agriculture for its support, as was to the sweet, imperious summons which be the later history of many or most the second command put upon ani- of these far Western towns. Franklin. mate nature: First to prevail, to given a hint by a friendly official, in Hre; second, to love, to survive. As vested as he was able in town proptree whispers unto tree, as flower erty in the village of Ellisville, in rearns to flower, so came the mandate | which truly it required the eye of faith to his being in that undying speech to see any prospect of great enhancement. Betimes he became owner of a quarter-section of land here and Against this overwhelming desire of there, in course of commissions on scales. He was careful to take only such land as he had personally seen and thought fit for farming, and always he secured land as near to the railroad as was possible. Thus he was in the ranks of those foreseeing men who quietly and rapidly were making plans which were later to place them among

those high in the control of affairs. Saxon love of land. Each man had his quarter-section or more. Even Nora, the waitress at the hotel, had the soil (done by her devoted admirer, Sam) passing as those legal "improvements" which should later give her title to a portion of the earth. The land was passing into severalty, coming into the hands of the people who had subdued it, who had driven out those who once had been its occupants. The Indians were now cleared away, not only about Ellisville but far

solved grimly that he would persist un- residence in the great depot hotel til at least he had been accepted as which was the citadel of the forces of something better than a blundering law and order, of progress and civiliza-

boor. Under Major Buford's invita- | tion in that land. The railroad company which found Everywhere was shown the Anglo-

'filed on a quarter," and once in perto the north and west. The skin-hunt a had wiped out the last of the great

The West was a noble country, and

profession which he had chosen, and (W. N. U.)

Franklin rebelled from the technical

PARIS SLEUTHS WERE SLY.

They Were Awake and Active. The Paris correspondent of London Truth tells this story of the manner in which the Russian government tested the efficiency of the French detective police when the czar was about to visit Paris. The chief of the Russian police went secretly to the French capital, with orders to lie quietly by in a hotel and only to report himself at the embassy after a stay of a week. But he had not been three hours in Paris before the prefrom a French detective. At St. Petersburg they thought this a satisfactory result, and the imperial pair ventured to go to Paris and drive down the Champs Elysees without

Italy's dominions.

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