

STRONG AND STEADY

By HORATIO ALGER, JR.

CHAPTER XIX.

An hour passed without a word being spoken by his singular hostess. She went to the window from time to time, and looked out as if expecting some one. At length Walter determined to break the silence, which had become oppressive. It did not seem natural for two persons to be in the same room so long without speaking a word.

stand, but in the corner there was a bed on the floor with some ragged bedclothes spread over it. "That's where you're to sleep," said the woman, pointing it out.

Walter saw that there was no time to lose. The door, though strong, would probably soon give way before the strength of his prisoner. When the liberation took place, he must be gone. He held the handle of his carpetbag between his teeth, and, getting out of the window, hung down. The distance was not great, and he alighted upon the ground without injury. Without delay he plunged into the woods, not caring in what direction he went, as long as he carried him away from his dishonest landlord.

Intelligence of "Fanny" The town of Matild, on the Congo river, is described by Richard Harding Davis, in "The Congo and Coast of Africa," as "not so large as Gibraltar, or so high as the Flatiron Building in New York, but a little more steep than either." In connection with this place he tells the story of a lost dog.

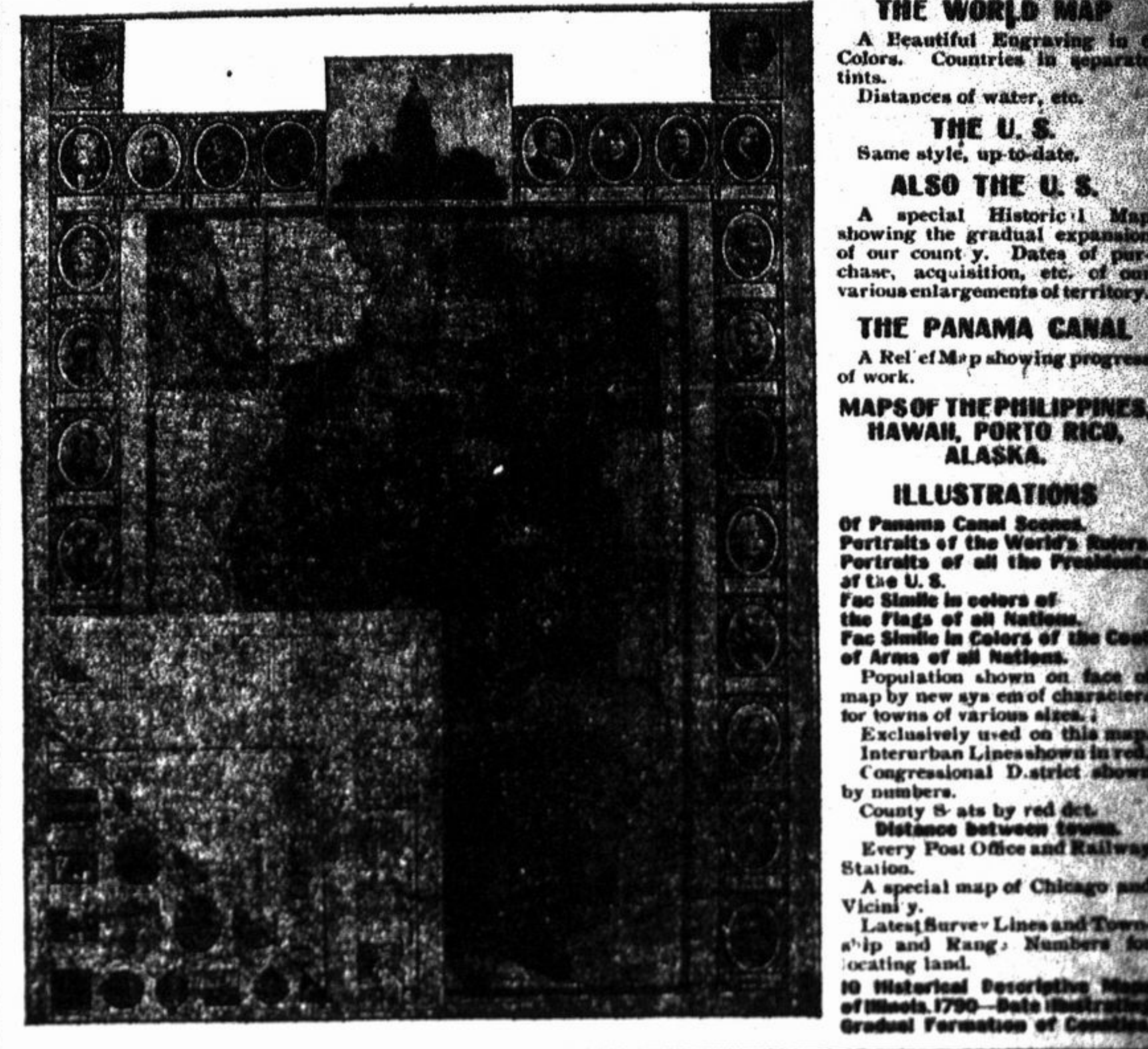
AMUSEMENTS

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CHAPTER XX. About nine o'clock Walter intimated a desire to go to bed. The woman lit a candle, and left the room, followed by Walter. She led the way up a rough, unlighted staircase and opened the door of the room over the one in which they had been seated.

Looking around him, Walter found that the chamber which he had entered was as bare as the room below, if not more so. There was not even a bed-

When the Maid Proposed. The leap-year girl had just proposed. "This is—er—so sudden," stammered the young man in the case. "I am dreadfully—er—embarrassed, and—"

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