

Wife

HAWLEY SMART

CHAPTER XVI.--(Continued.) "I can't see that that the least im- | did! But, Gren, dear, I did mean it. come down here to upset an existing arrangement? By the way, do you suppose if I don't marry Mr. Pearman, we shall mistress of Mannersley?"

answered steadily:

fairly, honestly, and as shortly as you him. please—and then wait to hear what I may have to say to-morrow morning."

your questions?"

your interests. Do you owe Pearman should ever dare to dream of you. want to know how much?"

ing so watchful an eye over my interests. | under unfair pressure. Prying into the affairs of one's relations was hardly deemed good taste in my day. I think I may safely leave that answer to your own natural acuteness. It seems to have stood you in good stead so far."

"Why!" cried Grenville, passionately, me?" Pearman money requires no espionage to and submitted to the abstraction of unand out. I do know it-never mind limited kisses with the greatest meckness.

"Probably your philanthropy and increasing practice, then, led you to run down with a view to rescuing your uncle from his difficulties?" said Denison, bit-

"Yes, and no," said Rose, starting to his feet. "I have come for two reasons Firstly, to win Maude for my wife, if can; secondly, to release you from all obfigation to Pearman, if possible. If knew what the amount was, it would make it easier for me. You don't choose to tell me. I can only let you know tomorrow, then, what sum you can raise to meet such claims. Will you answer my other question? Do you honestly wish t see your daughter, a Denison of Glinn, married to Pearman?"

It was a home-thrust, thin. The blood rushed to Harold Denison's temples, and his eyes had an angry light in them as he rejoined:

"This, I presume, sir, is a specimen of the easy manner of the young men of the present day. A piece of such impertinence I don't remember ever encountering. May I trouble you to hand me that bedroom candle? I would suggest that the earlier you can make it convenient to depart to-morrow morning the less risk I run of being insulted, and for the present will wish you good-night."

"Step: you must hear me," cried Grenille. "If to-morrow morning I can show ou a way to clear all Pearman's claims gainst you, will you listen to no the and acquit me of any intention of insulting you? Will you still persevere, uncle in mating your daughter to the son bill-discounting solicitor? No, you won I know you better than you think. are too far his Pearman's hands, or think so, to give yourself fair play in the matter. There breathes no prouder man ban you are. Trust me. Recollect the since once saved the lion. As you hope for peace in future, trust me now."

CHAPTER XVI.

Harold Denison paused. He had never seen his nephew break through his conventional, cool, easy manner in this wise before. He felt that he had been terribly in carpest all through their interview. Had he really some clue that might save bim? Then, perhaps, as far as it was in his selfish nature to care for anyone, he loved that child of his dead sister, who had just poured forth this torrent of frantic entreaty. The cynic mask dropped from his face as he extended his hand.

"I've had a deal to try me lately, Gren : difficulties have thickened and her doll, fought with her nurse, and risen complicated above my head. . You mustn't think anything of what I say. Show me, ber, how to raise ten thousand to-morrow morning, and we'll talk over other things afterwards. At all events, Maude shan't marry Pearman."

"Good-night, uncle," said Grenville, as events. be clasped Denison's extended hand, "You man't think how happy you're made me. Leave me to work new, and if I'm not in a position to forbid the banns by breakfast to-morrow, may I never have another

through those villainous musty old parch. She has been so miserable of late-she is ments that night. It was a big box, and so quietly happy now. It is true this pacontained some two or three hundred such ald leanes, agreements, mortgage deeds does cancelled, deeds of trust, and mar- It is the first time he has been with her inge settlements of bygone Denisons now in that character. It is so sweet to hurchyard. The clock had struck three confession is made by the right person. are, with a chill feeling of defeat, he took No wonder the girl's face looked bright. le? No! it was but some old parchment er? This, ch!" Hurriedly the drawer is last century. Sadly Grenville tumbled odds and ends, a book or two on heraldry. mass of papers back into the box, and or a French dictionary, are discovered somily sought his pillow. Had he dreamt no sign of law papers meets the eye. of the deed he had looked for? "No." he suttered, as he undressed; "I saw it exclaimed Grenville, with a look of dis-

meial parchment. "It looks had, I went't give in. I must search furdoct, or emphased in all setal that Maude was

you know. And then to write to you as proves your position. You don't mean to | fought hard to be true to you. What can tell me that you've had the audacity to I do? They say it rests with me to keep Glinn as a home to my father, and that,

Maude approves of this? Have you any be wanderers about the world. That reason to suppose that she would prefer | would kill them. I am very miserable. half of your garret in the Temple to being You don't know what I had to go through. I didn't give in till I could bear it no Grenville Rose's face flushed, but he longer. Be kind to me, Gren, please." And the grey eyes, swimming with tears, "All that must be an after-considera- looked up into Rose's face with a piteous tion. Uncle answer me two questions | pleading expression that half maddened

"Don't know what you had to go through, my pet? Hum! I think I can "If I am to listen, then, you'll be good | make a pretty fair guess." And even as enough to talk rather more rationally he passed his arm round his cousin's waist than you are doing to-night. What are and kissed her, Grenville Rose's teeth were set hard. "It makes me mad, "Believe me, uncle, I am speaking in | Maude, to think that that beast Pearman money?-Pshaw! I know you do. I child, I know pretty well the bullying you have had to go through. You wouldn't "Really I had no idea you were keep- have proved false to your word, except

> "Then you don't think so very badly of me?" asked the girl, shyly. "I don't know," smiled her cousin, as he bent his head down to her. "I'll hear what you've got to say. Do you love

"you can't think so meanly of me? You "Oh, Gren!" And Maude dropped her try of Breton, says the New Orleans won't let me help you? That you owe flushed, tear-stained face on his shoulder, Times-Democrat. Morning and even

The tears were kissed away, and smile was on her lips as she said, "You whispered last night. There is hope for us yet:' what did you mean?" "I didn't say that; when you quote

what I say, he good enough to be correct." "But you did say so," said Maude, openng the grey eyes wide as usual when thing passed her compression. "No, Miss Denison; I said, 'Hope for

us yet, darling." "Oh, Gren, don't tease me; that's like your old aggravating ways. Tell

"Well, dearest, I hoped last night to find a paper that would have, at all events, broken off your engagement with Pearman, and left you free to choose

A quiet pressure of his arm, and

bed as miserable as a man can well do. Your father promised that Pearman should receive his dismissal if I could do what I dreamt I could. I made sure of finding that paper in the big oak chest through them all, it wasn't there."

"When did you see it, Gren?" "Don't you remember when I went mad upon heraldry, and was all for putting your genealogical tree to rights? I went

through those papers then. "Stop a moment," said the girl; "le me think. Yes," she continued, after short pause; "and you used to bring them up to work at to the school roomdon't you recollect? And I'm almost sure, but didn't you throw a few of them into a drawer up there, saying they were no use, but you might make up a magasine story or two out of them some day? "By Jove, Maude, you've hit it! did, and that would be safe to be one of them. Come along, sweetheart mine, and

see. No chance of their being disturbed. "I should think not; but I haven't, I really believe, been in the room for the last two years. We'll soon see, though;" and the cousins tripped rapidly back to

now that its shutters were thrown open to the golden light of spring. Very different were the old times, when Mande flitted feet wisdom. But in these degenerate about it daily, making sunshine within, whistle of the blackbird and the song of the throatle, the twitter of the swallow. and the scent of the jasmine, with other creepers, came drifting through the open casement. Here she had made much of in more matured rebellion against her governess. Here Grenville had teased, petted, laughed at her, and embarked in various studies, genealogical or otherwise. No wonder they paused on the threshold; it was classic ground to them, at all

Grenville Rose, however, though he may names for a moment, is far too much in earnest and immersed in the present to give much thought to old memories, Maude smiles softly as he throws open the windows, and she recalls those long pleasant Long and anxiously did Grenville wade afternoons they two have passed there per must be found; but she believes Gren, as only a young girl can in a lover seping their long sleep in the quiet old told you are loved at eighteen, when that the last musty paper. Could this be "Now, Maude, quick-which is the drawinnected with a right of water power in dragged out; but alsa! though all sorts of

"Mistaken the drawer, pet, I suppose? in that room. What can have become appointment he struggled hard to con-Maude, my dearest, have I told | ceal; and then continued his search. But. to hope, and have I hoped only to no; every drawer and cupboard of the class the bitter cup of disappointment?" school room is ransacked in vain. Many Bed was not of much use to Grenville a relic of their merry old days there comes that night. He tried it; but, de to light, but nothing in the shape of a his journey and late search through | deed or parchment. Maude stood aloof bewildering papers, sleep refused to towards the conclusion of the search, half his syelids. A little more than leaning, half sitting on the table. Her hours, and he was spinshing in his face was serious enough now, and the and, with knit brown, still meditat- well-marked eyebrows rather knit. She m what could have become of that felt that the promised smooth water of the morning was as yet by no means realized. Since Grenville had kissed her, and

> is not here," said Grenville at length. "I must search elsewhere." "So you shall, Gren. Ring the bell.

when a stray housemaid, in considerable same; but a runaway subject of the Stewarts of Appin.—San Francisco forced and con- hewilderment, eventually made her way ment-enting monarchs, whose scepter Chronicle to the disneed room, Miss Denison said, was tooth and claw; a humble plebelan sharply. "Tell Mrs. Upcraft the's wanted in the presence of the horned and here directly—directly, mind—and d-m't hoofed artistocrats of woods and fields.

don't happen quite to recollect what she's done with them, she'll give me any answer, and won't even try to take the trouble to remember. If I can make nothing of her, then you must chime in and frighten her. Of course she don't want to comceal them; but she will know she ought like what she terms being put out."

not to have meddled with them, and don't There was a tap at the door as Maude inished her speech, and her cousin had but just time to give a nod of intelligence as the housekeeper entered.

"Sorry to disturb you, Mrs. Upcroft," said Miss Denison, blandly, "but I want to know what you have done with the papers that used to inhabit that drawer?" "I'm sure I don't know nothing about no papers. You might have been sure of that, I think, Miss Maude, before you sent for me, and the butcher just here for orders an' all;" and the housekeeper looked as sulky as she rightly dared. She had for years done as she pleased with Mrs. Denison, and was bitterly jealous of

any interference of Miss Maude. "Excuse me, Mrs. Upcroft, if you don' know anything about the removal of such papers, you should do so. Things ought not to be moved from one room to another without the knowledge and license of yourself. Will you be kind enough to recollect what became of those papers? They happen just now to be of great im-

"That's so like you, Miss Maude. You were just the same as a child. Whatever you wanted must be done right of at once. I forget about those old papers now, and must run away to the butcher; but I'll perhaps think what became of them in a little. I'm afraid, though, they went to light fires with:" and with a malicious smile the housekeeper turned to go. (To be continued.)

BRETON SUPERSTITIONS

Mysterious Fountains and Spirits of Beautifut Princesses Believed In. Mossy fern grown fountains are one of the picturesque features of the coening the white-capped, grave-faced Bra ton women linger with their pitchers beside the flowing water, exchanging gossip and grettings. Some special quality is attributed to each one of

In the life of Ernest Renan we read that he was a delicate baby and that old Gude, the witch, took his little skirt and dipped it in one of these springs. She came back triumphant, confident that the fairles loved the child and that he would live-"the two little arms stretched out, and you should have seen the whole garment swell and float," she said. Most fountains are adorned by a crucifix or an lmage of the Blessed Virglu, placed there to frighten away the "korrigams," who are believed by the peasan-"I didn't find it, Maude, and went to try to be responsible for the fountains fust as the "poulpleans" are responsible for the dolmens.

The "korrigans" have been known to bestow wonderful charms on their spein the study; but though I went steadily | clal favorites, but as you can never be sure until after an interview whether you are a favorite or not the general opinion seems to be that it is well to keep them at a distance. They are belleved to be the spirits of native Celtic princesses who refused to embrace Christianity when it was first in Armorica, and consequently incurred the divine displeasure. For this reason no priest has ever seen one, for the mere angrestion of his presence puts them to

> By day time the "korrigan," if seen at all, takes the form of a little whitehaired witch, with red eyes and wrinkled face, but at night she appears fountain. A cloth of dazzling whiteness is laid mon the greensward. On it are all sorts of ethical dainties and in the center is a cup filled with a liqnor of which a single drop gives perspace and only the bent grass blades tell of the fairy banquet. The "korrigan' greatly covets newly born children and many are the stories that tell of the ingenious war in which manages to substitute an ugly little poplpican for some rosy darling with great bine eyes and hair of gold.

THE ORIGIN OF FEAR.

Plastic Gray Cells of Our Brains Stamped with Ancient Errors. The average man would somer face 200-pound human antagonist than a

50-pound dog, which he could choke to death in three minutes. I have seen a charging ram scatter half a dozen men. oward. There are instances on record of men who, with their bate hands, it was only the pressure of grim necessity that taught them their powers. Put a man against an animal, and the man looks around for weapons or support, whether he needs them or not. There was a time when he did

For man-to-day the most lordly of animals—was once well nigh the most animals, of being alone. And into the | Macdougall of Lorn. About the end stamped these ancient terrors—a living

The baby shows this record most ing used as a hunting lodge by James we may most easily read our past history. He is our ancestor as truly as for the purpose of indulging in the

not the master of the earth, nor even | ple of centuries afterward the castle er be as long about getting here as They speak of the nights when our hairy aires cronched in the forks of trees and whimpered softly at the

WEIGH?

An Amazing Culculation Showing That Our Immediate Stellar System Must Weigh a Quatrillion Times As Much As The Earth.

There is a star, known to astrono mers as No. 1.830 in the catalogue of Groombridge, upon observations of which Prof. Edgar L. Larkin bases some calculations which illustrate the oppalling magnitude of the figures with which astronomers have to deal The spectroscope proves that this star is moving at the rate of seven seconds every year; as there are 1,-296,000 seconds in every circle, this star takes 185,000 years to make the circuit of the heavens. Its distance from the earth is approximately 200.

moving at the rate of 200 miles a sec

This rives a basis upon which to calculate the weight of all the matter within its orbit, which would be the total weight of the universe if the star were at the uttermost limits of space (which it is not, by any means). The way this is done is as follows: If you whirl a stone tied to a string it exerts a certain pull called the centrifugal pull, which | dered by the president, 19 officers is the initial speed with which were placed on the retired list. it would fly away if you were to let go of the string; this centrifugal tendency is equal to the square of the speed with which the stone is moving. divided by the length of the string. The same is true of the star mentioned So we must square 200 (the number of miles per second at which the star is travelling) and divide the product by 200 trillions, the distance of the star from the earth. The square of 200 is 40,000, which divided by 200 trillions is one-five-billionth. This means that if the sun suddenly came to a standstill it would at the end of one second have dropped toward the centre of gravity just onestar keeps on its orbit, the centrifugal tendency exactly counterbalances the lage of St. James on Beaver Island drop to our sun from a distance of "King Strang." When Strang was 200 trillion miles would move at just assassinated after a bitter campaign one 30,000,000th of the speed at against his religious affiliations, his which this star is moving; in other followers scattered, and the islands words there are 300,000,000 times the became a fishermen's community. The weight of matter pulling upon that

and the sun contains 333,000 times as much matter as our earth. the assumption that the earth is the Charlevoix and Leelanan Counties centre of the aniverse, and that star No. 1,830 is moving around us in a but Charlevoix demurred. The cas regular orbit. It is not known, however, whether it be moving in circle or in a straight line. Prof. Larkin calculates that if it be moving in a straight line from an infinite distance, then the quantity of matter necessary to impart his colosas an exquisitely beautiful creature, sal speed is 32,000,000,000 times that clad in a long white flowing vell. Each of our sun. But there is an untold year, at the first burst of spring, she and immeasurable quantity of matter holds high festival beside her special in countless suns further away than No. 1.530 Groombridge, so the weight of the universe cannot be known.

the orbit of that star weighs 300,

000,000 times as much as our sun,

A CLAN STRONGHOLD.

Castle Stalcaire Once More Belongs

to a Stewart. After having been out of the hat of the Stewart family for more than a couple of centuries Castle Stalcaire (better known as Castle Stalker) has been acquired by a member of the clan to which it originally belonged. Travellers in the Western Highlands, in sailing up Loch Linnhe, between Oban and Ballachulish. generally have their attention attracted by the picturesque ruin which stands on a small Island at the mouth of Loch Laich, at the foot of Strathappin. The island is close to the Appin shore, and for long it was subject of lamentation that it and its castle should belong to hereditary enemies of the Stewarts of Appinthe Campbells.

The acquisition of it by the latter was the result of an after-dinner bargain-Duncan Stewart (7th) of Arpin, agreeing to give it to the then Laird of Airds in exchange for an eight-oar wherry. This was in the seventeenth century, and from then till now the castle has been in the hands of the owners of the Airds estate-the Campbells and their successors. But it has now been pur chased from Col. Macfie of Airds by a Stewart of Appin-Charles Stewart

Castle Stalcaire is believed to have been built originally about 1300. was owned by Sir John Stewart of of the afteenth century it was built or altered by Duncan Stewart 2d, of Appin, for the purpose of be-IV. of Scotland. It was occupied knew the right-side-up of her card by James on various occasions during those diplomatic visits to the Highlands, which he made ostensibly fice hoys and secretaries on request. with infinite powers of opposition to the he is our reincarnation; and his every chase but still more with a view to surprised to see her, but not until shrinking gesture and frightened cry influencing the Highland chiefs and several days had passed did she dis-"It's no use, Maude; the paper I want | are chronicles of the younger world | the flerce and turbulent tribes they governed-a policy which he pursued They tell of the days when mas was with much success. For about a coua highly considered citizen of the continued to be a stronghold of the know what I've been and done? Hand-

AAMY DESERTIONS DECREASE.

One Per Centaless Than in 1907 and Principally White Soldiers. The campaign in the War Department against desertions from the army is meeting with success accordthe relative number of desertions was less in 1908 than in any other fiscal. year since 1901.

The desertions during the fiscal year 1908 were 4.505, or 4.6 per cent. of the whole number of enlisted men in service in the army during that year. In 1907 the percentage was 5.6 per cent., and in 1906 it reached the record of 7.1 per cent. Every branch of the service showed a decrease in the number of desertions during the year, with the single exception of the hospital corps, where there was a slight increase.

Boise Barracks, Idaho, enjoys the notoriety of having the most-desertions of any post, the number there reaching 16.5 per cent., while Fort William Henry Harrison, Mon.; Fort Brady, Mich.; Fort Duchesne, Utah and Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming. proved unattractive in the order enum-

Gen. Ainworth points out the sig nificant fact that of the white troops 4.76 per cent. were reported as deserted while only 0.57 per cent, of the colored men in the service deserted. It is pointed out in the report that, while there was an increase in the authorized enlisted strength of the 000,000,000,000 miles. It is therefore army, there was a much jarger in crease in the actual strength, which was only 9,315 enlisted men short of the authorized strength on Oct. 15, 1908, as against a deficiency of 20, 535 enlisted men on Oct. 15, 1907. The total actual strength of the army, not including the hospital corps, on Oct. 15, 1908, was 78,166, as com pared with 58,998 a year previous.

As a result of the riding tests or

Money Loaned to Community Later Taken in Constitutes Obligation. The Michigan Supreme Court decided that the claim of William L. Curtis and James R. Wylie against the County of Charlevoix is valid. They will probably be able to recover now the \$1,500 they loaned to the now disorganized County of Maniton twenty-three years ago. The accumulated interest is greater than the

principal. Manitou County, embracing several islands in Lake Michigan, was organfive-billionth of a mile. But as the ized by James J. Strang, who established a Mormon colony at the vilgravitation. A stone beginning to about 1845, and was widely known as population never exceeded 1,000, and star as would be acting upon the in 1885, during a period of financial stone; therefore the universe within depression, the county obtained loan from Curtis and Wylle, who then conducted a bank at Petoskey. In 1935 the loan remained unpaid, when the legislature disorganized Manitou But these results are based upon County and attached the Islands ! Leelanau naid her share of the debwas taken into the courts, where the Petoskey men wen their contention. -Lansing (Mich.) correspondence of the New York Post.

> Not Strong in Thinking Role. A contractor had received a shipsize and weight. The contractor pick ed up an Irishman who was willing to take the job of unloading the weights and transferring them to a small wareroom for \$1.

> "You must be careful," cautioned the contractor, "not to get weights mixed up. Keep each by themselves in a separate pile. The Irishman said he und restood. When the io b was completed though and the Irishman paid his dollar, the contractor found the man had done fust what he cantioned him not to. He called him back. "I suppose I'll have to give you another job now. spoke up, "on account of your bone headedness. By rights I ought make you do this all over again for the dollar I paid you. Get at though, and sort those things out again, and I'll give you another dol-

> "I'd like to have the job and all that," said the Irishman thoughtfully. "but if I were you I'd get some body else. I'm all right at digging or shoveling or lifting, but when it comes to real headwork I'm not worth a cuss."-New York Press.

Her Visiting Cards. The story in The New York Press about the short-sighted woman who was ashamed to wear glasses, reminds me of my Aunt Maria, who has begun to wear them and is ashamed

"Aunt Maria is something of case, and so without hesitation handed out the bits of pasteboard to of-She noticed that every one seemed cover the reason. Wishing to verify an address, she consulted the various cards in her case.

"'Gracious!' she shricked, 'do you ed out Tom. Dick and Harry's and the Lord only knows whose cards to all sorts of people the other day!"

"And so it proved on inquiry. The good woman had sent in the cards of various clergymen, dentists, lecturers, teachers and even one or two military titles."

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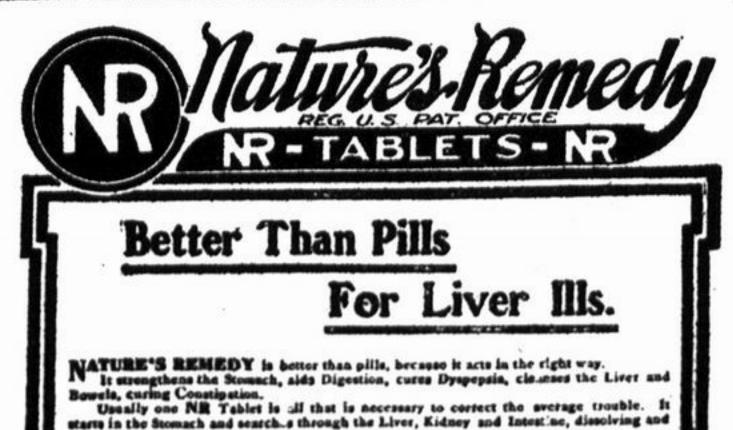
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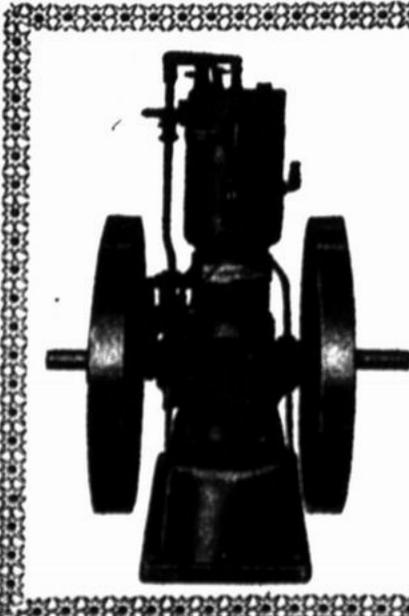
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