MITH FINDS A LOVE AFFAIR BREWING AND IT MAKES MIM UNCOMFORTABLE-HE IS WARNED TO PRO-TECT HIMSELF FROM VIOLENCE

Synopole....J. Montague Smith, cashler of Lawrenceville Bank and Trust company, society bachelor engaged to marry Verda Richlander. beirean, knocks his employer, Watrous Dunham, senseless, leaves him or dead and flees the state when Dunham accuses Smith of dishonesty and wants him to take the blame for embezziement actually committed by Dunham. Several weeks later, Smith appears as a tramp at a town in the Rocky mountains and gets a laboring job in an irrigation ditch construction camp. His intelligence draws the attention of Williams, the superintendent, who thinks he can use the tramp, John smith, in a more important place. The ditch company is in hard lines mancially because Eastern financial interests are working to undermine the local crowd headed by Colonel Baldwin and take over valuable property. Smith finally accepts appointment as financial secretary of Baldwin's company. He has already struck up a pleasant acquaintance with Corona Baldwin, the colonel's winsome daughter. As plans for financing the new company materialize, Smith makes good at his new job, but his past history bobs up to trouble him.

ever since."

before. I've been eating humble-ple

Smith breathed freer. Nobody but a

place at the dam and took hold with

daddy more to show me what an incon-

sequent little kilot I was than for any

soul: I did," he boasted. "Now beat

"Oh, no: I'm not going to give up-

coming toward them. The young wom-

said. But the answer was a quiet

Smith went back to town with the

rested, to be sure, but in a frame of

mind bordering again upon the sar

donic. One thing stood out clearly:

Hence there was another high re

tolve not to go to Hillcrest again unti-

which, it is perhaps needless to say

was broken thereufter as often as the

colonel asked him to go. Why, in the

last resort, Smith should have finally

chosen a confidant in the person of

William Starbuck, the reformed cow-

puncher, he scarcely knew. But it was

to Starbuck that he appealed for ad-

vice when the sentimental situation

"I've told you enough so that you

can understand the vise-nip of it

Billy," he said to Starbuck one night

when he had dragged the mine owner

up to the bathroom suite in the Hophra

House, and had told him just a little.

enough to merely hint at his condition,

You see how it stacks up. I'm in a

fair way to come out of this the hig-

gest scoundrel allve-the piker who

takes advantage of the innocence of a

good girl. I'm not the man she thinks

I am. I am standing over a volcano pit

every minute of the day. If it blows

up. I'm gone, obliterated, wiped out."

"I don't know any more about that

than you do. It is the kind that usual

ly does blow up sooner or later. I've

prepared for it as well as I can. What

needed was a financial manager, and

Timanyoni High Line has its fighting

chance-which was more than Timan

yon! Ditch had when I took hold. If I

should drop out now, you and Maxwell

and make the fight; but that doesn't

long minute or two before he said: "Is

"Corry's a mighty fine little girl.

ohn," said Starbuck slowly, "Any

one of a dozen fellows I could name

would give all their old shoes to swap

"That isn't exactly the kind of ad-

"No: but it was the kind you were

wanting, when you tolled me off up

here," laughed the ex-cowpuncher, "I

vice I'm needing," was the sober re-

chances with you."

here another woman in it, John?"

help out in this other matter."

Starbuck sagely.

had grown fairly desperate.

"good night" and she was gone.

with Corona Baldwin,

other reason. Didn't you, really?"

newest and most adorable of

that for frankness, if you can."

little hard on colonel-daddy."

"Yes, I'm afraid it does,"

until I have to."

CHAPTER XI---Continued.

It had been a day of nagging distracfions. A rumor had been sent afootby Stanton, as Smith made no doubt- simulated her frank sincerity. He had iting that the new dam would be un- jumped too quickly to the small sumate when it should be completed; that in-addition conclusion. She did not breaking, with the reservoir behind would carry death and destruction the lowlands and even to the city. fimfd stockholders, seeing colossul famage suits in the bare possibility, and taken the alarm, and Smith had the greater part of the day in rying to calm their fears. For this shame me. I believe you gave up your and some others, he was on the d edge when Baldwin dropped in Me way home from the dam and

Look here, John; you're overdoing is thing world without end! You gook it off short, right now, and go ome with me and get your dinner and good night's rest. Get your coat and and come along, or I'll rope you own and hog-tie you."

For once in a way, Smith found that here was no fight left in him, and he d, telling himself that another eceptance of the Baldwin hospitality. or less, could make no difference. me mo sooner was the colonel's gray adater headed for the bridge across Timanyoni than the exhilarating b set in. In a twinkling the daess cares, and the deeper worries well, fled away, and in their place mrt-hunger was loosed.

After denner, a meal at which he ate is and was well content to satisfy hunger of his soul by the road of me fimith went out to the portico moke. The most gorgeous of mounsenasets was painting itself upon ery over the western Timanyonis, he had no eyes for natural ers, and no ears for any sound we one the footstep he was listenfir. It came at length, and he to took as tired us he had been the colonel made him close desk and leave the office; tried and

ently succeeded. Ton poor, broken-down Samson. MH the brazen gates of the Philistines on your shoulders! had to come to us at last, didn't If Let me be your Dellah and fix chair so that it will be really comand he forgave the sarcasm the arranged some of the hampillows in the easiest of the chairs and made him bury himif inguriously in them.

holding the idea, brought over that afternoon of the name quesne that she had in some way dishis true identity, Smith was tching parrowly for danger-signals on he thanked her and said

For may it foot as it is. I had to But you could never be any Dellah, could you? She was a yer, if you recollect."

made the suggestion purposely was whelly ignored, and there a se guile in the state-gray eyes. Ton mean that you didn't want to

not that. I have wanted to every time your father has asked

at there are reasons-good reawhy I shouldn't be here." the knew any of the reasons sh

so sign. She was sitting in the mock and touching one slippered Colonel Baldwin and the rest of you



the most wonderful ever lived, and so do a

moved his pipe to say: "I haven't the and the four miles between the city nerve, Billy, and that's the plain fact. and Colonel Baidwin's ranch had been I have already told her a little of it. tossed to the rear before he remem-She knows that I-

"Yes: It's a shouting pity about your nerve! You've been putting up such a blooming scary fight in this irrigation business that we all know you haven't room in the holster for another." Smith shook his head.

big money in the background. But he has had me shadowed and tracked until now I guess he is pretty well conmost consummate actress could have

"Guns?" queried Starbuck, know the story of the absconding bank had mixed very far."

"You're just about the biggest, long-"I don't know why you should feel eared, stiff-backed, stubborn wild ass that way," he said, eager, now, to run of the wallows that was ever let loose where he had before been afraid to in a half-reformed gun country!" "I do. And I believe you wanted to grumbled the ex-cowman, "You're fixng to get yourself all killed up. Smith. Haven't you sense enough to see that these rustlers will rub you out in two twitches of a dead lamb's tall if they've unde up their minds that you are the High Line main guy and the only one?" He laughed in quiet cestasy at this "Of course," said the wild ass easily.

"If they could lay me up for a month "Honest confession is good for the "Lay up, nothing!" retorted Star

buck. "Lay you down, about six feet underground, is what I mean!" "I can't," she admitted, laughing "Pshaw!" exclaimed the one whose back at him. "But now you've accounfeurs ran in a far different channel plished your purpose, I hope you are from any that could be dug by mere not going to give up. That would be a corporation violence. "This is Amer-

Ica, in the twentieth century. We don't kill our business competitors nown-"Does that mean more than it says?" | days,"

"Don't we?" snorted Starbuck, "That will be all right, too. We'll suppose. She was silent for the length of time just for the sake of argument, that my that it took the flaming crimson in the respected and respectable daddy-inwestern sky to fade to salmon. The law, or whatever other silk-hatted old colonel had mounted the steps and was money-hags happens to be paying an slipped from the hammock and Crawford Stanton's salary and commission, wouldn't send out an order to have you killed off, Maybe Stanton, "Don't go," said Smith, feeling as if himself, wouldn't stand for it if you'd he were losing an opportunity and put it that barefaced. But daddy-inleaving much unsaid that ought to be law, and Stanton, and all the others, bire blacklegs and sharpers and gunmen and thugs. And every once in a while somebody takes a wink for a ned colonel the next morning physically -and bang! goes a gun."

"Well, what's the answer?" said Pete Simma.

"Tote an arsenal, yourself, and be he was most unmistakably in love ready to shoot first and ask questions afterward. That's the only way you can live peaceably with such men as Jake Boogerfield and Lanterby and he could go as a free man; a resolve

Smith got out of his chair and took a turn up and down the length of th room. When he came back to stand before Starback, he said: "I did that Billy. I've been carrying a gun for a week and more; not for these ditch pirates, but for somehody else. The other night, when I was out at Hillcrest, Corona happened to see it. I'm not going to tell you what she said but when I came back to town the next morning. I chucked the gun into a desk drawer. And I hope I'm going to be man chough not to wear it again."

Starbuck dropped the subject abraptly and looked at his watch. "You liked to have done it, pulling me off up here," he remarked, "I'm due to be at the train to meet Mrs. Billy, and I've got just about three minutes.

Smith changed his street clothes leisurely after Starbuck had gone, and when he went downstairs stopped at the desk to toss his room key to the "Is it aiming to blow up?" asked

The hotel register was tring open on the counter, and from force of habit he ran his eye down the list of late ar rivals. At the end of the list, sprawling characters upon which the ink was ret fresh, he read his sentence, and for the first time in his life knew the meaning of panic fear. The

"Josiah Richlander and daughter

and the colonel and Kinzie could go on Smith was not misled by the place name. There was only one "Josial Richlander" in the world for him, and Starbuck smoked in silence for a he knew that the Lawrenceville magnate, in registering from Chicago, was only following the example of those "Yes; but not in the way you who, for good reasons or no reason. place for a registry address.

CHAPTER XII.

A Reprieve. Smith's blood ran cold and there was

momentary attack of shocked consternation, comparable to nothing that any past experience had to offer. But there was no time to waste in curious mith's point of view she know the symptoms. Had 'em myself fores. Present safety was the prime background the gorgeous for about two years so had that I could consideration. With Josiah Richlandtaste 'em. Go in and win. Maybe the guests under the same roof with him, more," she said. "You rying about wouldn't mean anything knocking at the door. He could harwe don't appreciate at all to an open-minded young woman bor no doubt as to what Josiah Richwalne. Colonel-daddy like Corona; most likely it wouldn't." lander would do if discovery came. For ways on the alert and ready to shoot "If she could know the whole truth so long a time as should be consumed -and believe it," said Smith musingly. in telegraphing between Brewster and "You tell her the truth, and she'll Lawrenceville, Smith might venture to resist saying, take care of the believing part of it, call himself a free man. But that was w the all right. You needn't loss any sleep the limit.

Smith drew a long breath and re- passing autocab at the hotel entrance, bered that he had expressly declined Starbuck broke in with a laugh, a dinner invitation for that same evening at Hillcrest, pleading business to Mrs. Baldwin in person when she had

Happily, the small social offense any nerve. If I had your job in that, went unremarked, or at least unre-I'd be going around here toting two buked. Smith found his welcome at guns and wondering if I couldn't make the ranch that of a man who has the privilege of dropping in unannounced. The colonel was jocosely hospitable, as "I was safe enough so long as Stan- he always was; Mrs. Baldwin was graton thought I was the resident mana- clously lenient-was good enough, inger and promoter for a new bunch of | deed, to thank the eleventh-hour guest for reconsidering at the last moment; and Corona-

called at the office with her daughter.

Notwithstanding all that had come vinced that I actually had the audacity to pass; notwithstanding, also, that his to play a lone hand; and a bluffing footing in the Baldwin household had hand, at that. That makes a differ- come to be that of a family friend, ence, of course. Two days after I had Smith could never be quite sure of the climbed into the saddle here, he sent a bewitchingly winsome young woman couple of his strikers after me. I don't | who called her father "colonel-daddy." know just what their orders were, but Her pose, if it were a pose, was the at they seemed to want to fight—and they | titude of the entirely unspoiled child of got it. It was in Blue Pete's doggery, nature and the wide horizons. When he was with her she made him think of all the words expressive of trans-"Theirs; not mine, because I didn't parency and absolute and utter unco have any. I managed to get the shoot- | centment. Yet there were moments ing-irons away from them before we when he fancled he could get passing glimpses of a subtler personality at the



"I'm Not the Man She Thinks I Am. Am Standing Over a Volcano-"

back of the wide-open, frankly questioning eyes; a wise little soul lying in walt behind its defenses; prudent, allknowing, deceived neither by its own prepossessions or prejudices, nor by any of the masquerudings of other

Smith has three devils to plague him just now: His past in Lawrenceville; his growing fondness for Corona; and the enemies of the company for whose success he is working night and day. Important developments come in the next Installment.

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LAUNCELOT TO RESCUE

Gallant Knight Left Fair Damsel to Her Fate, According to Modern Version of Story.

"That's funny," mused Launcolot, one of the knightly boarders at Klug Arthur's table. "That's funny," he added, "I haven't rescued a darse! in distress for almost two weeks" sweet, scream issued from behind a the palace and the houses of the rich clump of laryngitis trees,

"Sic 'em, Semper Tyrannua," chuckled Launcelot, and spurred his walls of Jerusalem (v. 10) and masgrand sterd Yea-Bo. Behind laryngitis tree he found a fair golden [2:3, 4] haired, dark-eyed female bound hand and foot, while a great hulking wretch was tickling her lovely nose with a

on his lance.

knight!" cried the dark, fair one's tormentor. "Do you give me leave to explain. This wench is my wife, and many a time and oft have I warned her it would go hard with her if came home once more and found her at the 'runnies' instead of home preparing supper. And but just now 1 came home famished to find no supper and my wife at the 'runnies.' " "Give it to her good. Go to it!" atd Launcelot and hied him hence,-Detroit Free Press.

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> Should Be Satisfied. "Jenkins claimed that I insulted him." "Did you give any satisfaction?" "I guesa so. He pounded me until he One minute later he had halled a was tired."

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LESSON FOR AUGUST 26.

THE CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH.

LESSON TEXT-II Kings 25:1-2L GOLDEN TEXT-As I live, saith the Lord God, I have so pleasure in the death of the wicked.-Ezekiel 33:11.

Many years after the kingdom of Israel was taken captive by the Assyrians, Judah was carried away to Babylon. Judah's captivity was in three stages, covering about twenty years. The first deportation was while Jeholakim was king. Daniel and his friends went into captivity at this time (Dan. 1:1-6). The seventy years captivity dates from this time. The second deportation was while Jeholakim reigned. Most likely Ezekiel was carried away with this second company (Ezekiel 1:1-2). The third deportation, some twelve years after the second, is the one described in our lesson. At this time the greater part of the nation was removed to Babylon. Only the poor and unimportant were left. Jerusalem itself was destroyed at this time. 1. Jerusalem Besieged (vv. 1-3).

Zedekiah owed his kingship to the king of Babylon (chapter 24:17), who appointed him to the throne after the removal of Jehoiakim. His name was changed from Mattanlah to Zedekiah. He was not a good man (24:19). Though having his position by the will of the king of Babylon, he rebelled against that king. He thought that by the nid of the surrounding nations, especially Egypt, he could throw off the yoke of Bubylon. Jeremiah counseled submission, but the king refused Nebuchadnezzar came in person with all his host and laid siege to Jerusalem, even building forts against it (v. 1). This siege lasted for about a year and a half. For a while during that period the Chaldean army withdrew because of the appearance of Pharaoh's army (Jer. 37:5). Shut off from help from without, the Jews soon were famishing for want of bread. The horrors of this famine were awful. For a description of it one should read the book of Lamentations. Mothers ate their own children (Lam. 4:10). The richest, even ladies in silken robes, wandered about searching for scraps in the dung heaps (Lam. 4:5-10). Their tongues clave to the roufs of their mouths, and their skins were dried up. Added to these horrors were murderous fights between parties among the Jews. Some wanted to surrender; others insisted upon

11. Zedekiah's Flight (vv. 4-7). A length the city was broken up, and the king and his warriors fled by night. His thought was to escape to the country beyond the Jordan. The Chaldenn army overtook blin, scattered his army, and carried Zedekiah to Riblah, where Nebuchadaezzar had his bendquarters Here judgment was passed upon him. In his trial it was shown that his solemn outh of allegiance to the Chaldeans had been broken, thus showing himself a traitor (II Chron. 36:13), As a punishment for his treachery his own sons were slain before him, his eyes put out (v. 7), and he himself carried to Babylon, where he remained a prisoner till his death (Jer. 32:11). In this we have a marvelous fulfillment of prophecy (Ezekiel 12:3), which save that Zerlekiah shall be taken to Babylon and die there and yet not see the city. He could not see it because his eyes were out. Let us learn from this that that which God says will surely

come to pass, even though we cannot explain its details. III. The Destruction of the City (vv. \$-10). Not only were the people taken captive, but the city itself was subfected to the utmost rigors of war. At that moment a piercing, but They plundered the house of the Lord, and then consigned them to the flames (v. 0). They even broke down the

sacred many of the people (Lam. IV. Disposition of the Inhabitants and the Contents of the Temple (vv. 11-21). 1. The inhabitants (vv. 11, 12). They were divided into two classes, "What ho! Ho what," cried Laun- those who had deserted to the Babyrelot, and prepared to spit the fellow lonians during the stege and those who were found inside of the city at the "Nay, nay, good knight, good time it was taken. Many doubtless deserted to the Babylonians during this slege, as even Jeremiah was arrested on this charge (Jer. 39:13). The poor of the land were left to be vine dressers and husbandmen. The wealthy and influential were taken away, as they would be of value to the conquering nation; hesides they would be a menace if left behind. The poor were left because pauper captives would be

> Resides it was very undesignible for the land to lie in waste, as then they could not exact tribute from it. To that end encouragement was given by the Babylonians as "vineyards and fields" were given to the poor.

> 2. The contents of the temple (vv. 13-21). From the temple which had peen twice plundered before (II Chron. 30:7, 10), such of gold, silver and bronze ressels as still remained were taken, even the great pillars of the molten sen. The captives and the trensure were delivered to Nebuchadnezzat at Roblah, where more than threescore of men were killed (vv. 19-21).

> > Be Not Remiss.

The friendly word, the kindly usages of companionship and recollection, are never more acceptable than in strenu ous days like these. It is well to let conduct give the lie to the cynical proverb, "Out of sight out of mind."-Buffalo (N. Y.) Times.

Discord in Order. Kerrigan-Do ye think, Kelly, that afther th' war th' wur-rkin' payple ly Europe will git a square deal? Kelly-They will iv they descar-rd th' kinga, quanes an' knaves !-- Lifa.

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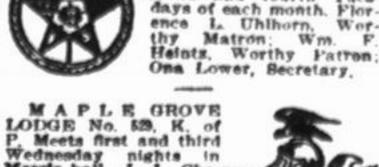
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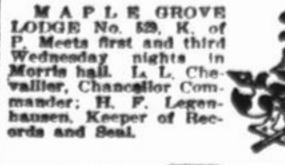


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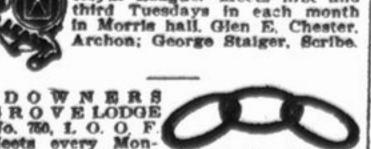




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