EGYPTIAN ROMANCE.

of Lave and Wild Adventure, founded upon Startling Revelations in the Ca eer of Arabi Pasha.

Author of "NINA, THE NIHILIST," "THE RED SPOT," "THE RUSSIAN SPY," ETC., ETC.

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know that to be impossible "

"Can you then somestly deny that you

don't love the terrible woman who sent me

this deadly warning and then attempted my

murder by means of hired assassins, better

than you do me? If she had not some

strong claim upon you, why should she have

been enraged at your daring to look at me

in the theatre last night-so angry as to

want to kill me? Aye, so angry as to kill

me-for very sure am I that the armed

Bedouins who attacked our carriage were

"Nellie, my darling, you both astound

and be wilder me. I know what you mean,

theatre last night, but I have neither seen

nor held speech with her for weeks, and on

the very night of the fete at the Gezirah

Palace, and within a quarter of an hour

from the time when your mother found and

took you away from me, I returned her her

gift, the op il ring, which had caused you so

"You did this and for my sake! Then

that is why she hates me. On, I am so glad

of it, and I do not fear her hate no 4, in the

least, See, Frank, this-this is what she

And as she spoke Nellie drew from her bo-

som and handed to the young dragoon the

symbolical warning from the "Eagle" unto

the "Dove" which had been forced upon

her acceptance by the huge black hand in

the vestibule of the opera house the preced-

and auxious expression came into his face.

which he in vain endeavored to hide.

intently, he said, with a forced laugh:

As Frank Donelly received it a perturbed

Then, finding that she was regarding him

" By George, I believe an Oriental wo-

man is c pable of any iniquity; but we will

defeat her machinations, and those of the

crafty Arabi as well. I now put to you the

question which I should have put the day

succeeding the fete at the palace, had I not

your happiness. I swear to you, Nellie

that 'twas for your welfare only that I held

back. Now, however, that changed circum-

stances have en irely altered the case, I urge

you of two evils to choose the least, and to

secretly elope with me and become my

that is secret seems to me to be also wrong.

fight a certain dark complexioned gentle-

man with his own weapons. Your parents

could prevent our marriage because you

"Why secretly, Frank? Everything

"Nellie, it is sometimes legitimate to

feared that your returning me an affirmative

much terror and uneasiness."

CHAPTER XII.

Donelly had left the presence of Mrs. Trezarr burning with indigwhich was perhaps all the more inthey had given him no oppord showing it, for chilly politeness as it is politeness, does not afford even his temperament a valid excuse for

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rafirst action was to glance up at the and recognize the pale but lovely Cance of Nellie Trezarr, and his next nick up the rose and kiss it as he anward for the second time whilst miesvoring to think of some fit ing

it was the lady who thought of the fit ing first, and it took the form of "O. the summer house. I will be there dy. I must speak with you." roung dragood had not expected such

ting, but it pleased him mightily, as ma bow and pantomimic motion exthe of delight and obedience, and at trode off in the direction of the spot this happy no sted, a graceful little klosk, shaded by and magnolias and very nearly burmath the creamy blossomed lasmine, attains to such perfection in Egypt cily had been the occupant of the ki besummer house for more than a very innies when he descr.ed Nellie cross elawn towards it with a hurried and applest day in disdiss muslin, and her long unbound streeting of friend lating like a golden cloud around her rightly guessed that she would sooner

wer the banquet meremained tranquilly where he was. ad of extending a hand, however, md with both clasped behind her back,

hedi: not advance to meet her, and

the said with lips that trembled with tion whilst she spoke : would not let you go away, Frank, n. It was born bidding you farewell. This is the ime that you will ever see me."

he last time that I shall' ever see you? Wellie, what do you mean by that?" ust what I say, Frank Donelly, and me. Oa, you won't c re much, so don't And yet I did want to say good

from you for a month it has been the distalt and disagreeable task that her accomplished all my life through, If s man loves a girl he should think happiness before his own, and I have been hardly studying your hap by creating a kind of home war be-

yaani your parents." schahome war is likely to break out tet your interference, and I m such a nt even risking an engagement." ellie, for heaven sake tell me exact

dplin'y what, mean?" dare not, because you would be dis with me for what I have done." stat ali, becaus: I know that you

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> nderhand action without weighty her idid or whether I did not, because to like myse f look small; but what tion may have been, the result is have learned that mamma intends me ary Arabi Pasha, the war minister. though paps as yet opposes the will twist him around her little finger, "A note on your mless I escape whilst there is yet time,

This is terrible. This is a ten times danger than any that I had anticipat-Dont give me a half confidence, Nellie; all-everything, and without re-

what I was about But the war minared mamma's and my life last night growd of Bedouin robbers, and I what he would have said to mamma my swoon in the carriage, and that d discuss it with papa at breakfast, a I made a bad head-ache an excuse aining in my room, and then I did morable thing which I just hinted which I now confess in full; but I mained at the door five minutes at for one of the men servants was a about and had already twice espied on the mat, and I think I'd d of very shame if he had discoverthere a third time."

se are still some cases in which the the means, Nellie, and we will Jours is one of them. Well, I am my darling, because, to escape log will accept me. We will be next to immediately."

SWORD AND THE EGYPTIAN TO PINESSE. All things being at last arranged, even down to the minutest details, Frank hinted to Nellie that it would be more prudent for

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them to part, for that, were they seen together. or should it even be discovered that they had met, suspicion might be aroused and, as usual, steps be taken which would render an elopement impossible. Nellie saw the sense of his line of argu-

"Indeed, no, Frank. I will not marry ment, and yielded to it at once. you. knowing that you love another better." She rose to go and Frank sprang to his "Love another better! Nellie, you must feet to bid her farewell and then take himhave taken leave of your senses or you would self off to town.

The gudden action caused his sword to clatter in his sheath, and, strange to say, the fair girl for the first time noticed that he wore one.

She took alarm at once and said : "Why do you wear a sword when not in uniform, and when simply coming out to pay a morning call ? Is there any real need for it? Is Cairo at all disturbed?"

"The canaille is disposed to be a trifle insolent; that is all, or very nearly all, Nellie. And then you know a sword is a kind of emblem of respectability in a semi-barbarous city like Cairo. Those are some of the reasons why I buckled mine on this morning."

and I am aware also that she was at the Frank Donelly's chief reasons were far more serious ones, but he did not dare to give them utterance, for he knew that did Nellie once get it into her head that danger menaced her parents, nothing would induce her to leave them whilst it remained.

He was delighted to think that his innocent subterfuge was accepted by her without question, but as a further precaution against her putting to him any more awkward questions he hurried their parting over, and felt glad when he beheld her steering her way towards the house so as to gain the rear thereof by the route of a thick shrubbery and a door in a wall which he knew led into the kitchen garden.

Not so delighted was he, however, when, upon entering the kiosk shaped summer house in turn, he soughtas quickly as possible to regain the Choubrah road and his hotel (the world famed Shepherd's, which, with its lovely gardens, stands in the very outskirts of Cairo), he espied Arabi Pasha, the war minister, coming directly toward him across the lawn, and already so near that to avoid him was a matter of sheer impossibility.

Perceiving that his retreat was cut off, Frank determined to stand his ground, but to avoid a quarrel if possible, since it would be dangerous to provoke so powerfu!, and as he suspected, so unscrupulous a foe as this daring soldier of fortune.

He saw his heavy brows meet in a frown answer would have marred rather than made and his naturally thick lips contract into mere lines as he bit them to restrain the fierce promptings of his passion. Then he readjusted his swordbelt, apparently so that the hilt of the weapon should come handy to his grasp, and the sight made the young Irish dragoon mutter fiercely to him-

> " If he appeals to that argument I think I'll be able to out-reason him." By the time that he had come to this conclusion Ahmed Arabi confronted him.

He teuched the edge of his red tarbouch in salutation and then said in French : "I came hither through being told that I should in all probability find Miss Trezarr

"Your excellency has been misinformed on that point, yet, nevertheless pray pass in and convince yourself," replied Frank,

stepping on one side. The Egyptian at once did so, but to discover nothing but an empty room.

The sight did not afford him the satisfaction that Captain Donelly had hoped that it would have done. But the Oriental nature is pre-eminently suspicious, and there were certainly even more than sufficient grounds in the present case to cause that suspicion. "Though Miss Trezarr is not here at pre-

sent she has been here," said he. Thereat Frank merely shrugged his shoulders, for he scorned to give utterance to falsehood, though he never-the less wished to avoid confessing to the truth. Arabi Pasha was not, however, to be put

off with a shrug, and therefore retorted sharply;

"I have said that Miss Trezarr has been here, and you do not seem to be able to

"Your excellerey, I fail to see that I am under any obligation to affirm or deny it." "You may see it clearer when I inform you that I am making inquiries concerning my affianced wife," answered Arabi, with the redness of anger showing through the bronze of his cheek. "I can assure your excellency that I have

seen n thing of your sfi need wife." "Liar, you came here to meet her, and she has been in your company within this past quarter of an hour," roared the Egyptian, his anger getting the upper hand of his discretion as he observed the flashing eyes and curling mustached lip of the young officer, as well as the contemptuous sneer that he had laid on the last three words of

But the epithet "liar," proved as a lighted match to a barrel of gunpowder, for the Celtic blood was every whit as hot as the Egyptain and the weight of the mault was so heavy that prudence kicked the beam.

Frank Donelly, in short, first of all seized the war minister by the throat and hurled him back against the wall of the little summer house, and next drawing his sword exclaimed in menacing tones:

"Your excellency will not leave this place until you have apologized for that insult, or else have placed it out of my power to demand the apology. Come, sir : either retract or defend yourself. You wear a sword and I presume you can use it."

"My sword and my life belong alike to my country, and the one may not be drawn or the other risked in an idle quarrel," answored the war minister, folding his arms on his breast whilst confronting his rival with an apparently undaunted mien, though the red flush had suddenly died out of instead of deepening on his cheeks.

It would have been well for all parties concerned had Frank Donelly thereupon sheathed his weapon and walked away. But an Irishman's temper when once heated takes a little time to cool, and Frank's was yet at boiling point.

"Coward ?" he hissed between his clenched teeth. " you dare not cross swords with

than common brawls."

herculean fellows, who were negroes of the the basement, and the first floor is taken a Soudan, with faces, throats and hands as black and shining and polished as chony Frank Donelly's arms were pinioned in an

instant and held as in a vice. "Inshallah, methinks it is I who now you," said the war minister, calmly. "But," chagrin of the loser. Moreover, that which I refused to threats I grant as a free offering-my regrets for my hasty speech. So saleni aleicoom, and may God be with you.

His last words were addressed to his two black orderlies, who at once released the young Irishman's arms, though to place in the boot and shoe trade of Canada. Donthemselves in such a position between them | nis Barron, a man who has been in the emand their master as to be able instantly to frustrate any attack that might be made upon the latter.

Let the Feringhee gentleman go in peace."

But Frank Donelly had no longer either a desire or an excuse for such an attack. proverbial coals of fire had been heaped upon his head, and though they burned and tortured him exceedingly, as such coals always do, it would have been most ungraci ous to have received them discourteously, or to have made any effort to get rid of them. The young officer therefore bowed. sheathed his sword and hurriedly retired. leaving Mount Carmel by the route that he had originally intended, and thereafter making his way along the Choubrah road citywards as quickly as possible, for rapid movement is always the best antidote for a troubled mind, and Frank's was particularly troubled and sore.

"He has interviewed Nellie's parents. dazzled them into sanctioning his suit and entertaining his abhorred proposals. Then they referred him to the dear girl herself, and failing to discover her in the house, di rected him to what they knew to be her favorite haunt—the klosk summer house How fortunate it was that I saw her and that we had time to arrange all our plans before we were interrupted. As it is, she can suffer only a few hours of persecution at the most, and then we will have left it and its origin alike behind."

Such were Frank's reflections, mingled, however, with many an anxious fear that something might now occur to frustrate all their plans, for he felt that he was no match as far as scheming went, with an Oriental. especially one who possessed the almost unbounded power of Arabi Pasha.

He would have felt infinitely more uneasy still could he but have heard what passed between the war minister and his black orderlies after he had quitted them.

"Youssoof and Mansour," the pasha had said to them impressively, at the same time laying a hand on the shoulder of each, "that Feringhee dog from whom you have just preserved me is staying at the Hotel Shepherd. Now attend, the dinner hour there is at seven, the meal lasts au hour, and as a Feringhee would almost as soon lose his life as his dinner, exactly at eight, or, to be quite safe, a few minutes previously, he must be lured forth on some specious pretext or other, be made prisoner and consigned to a dungeon from which by no possibility will he be able to escape. Do you clearly understand me?

"Would not a grave be the safest dungeon, excellency?" demanded Mansour. "It is the only prison house from which

esca e is impossible," chuckled Youssoof. "No, he must not be made away with. answered the war minister slowly. "I will have no shedding of blood for any less holy purpose than the winning of freedom and the destruction of tyranny. He must be beguiled into some dark way or turning and then a gag must be secured in his mouth and the loose covering and face mask of a woman be thrown over him as a disguise. and in that plight he must be conveyed through the native quarter to the citadel and handed over to the custody of his excellency Suleiman Zogheib Effendi, the governor, whom I will see during the day as to. his dieposal. Your task will be accomplished with his safe delivery."

He then stood in apparent deep reflection for a minute or two, when he muttered: "I dare not lose any more time on such an important day as this," and with evident regret hurried toward his carriage, followed by the orderlies

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The Boot and Shoe Trade of Montreal. During the past ten years the leather business has been developing as one of our great national industries; and it is probable that in a few more years Canada will have acquired no mean reputation abroad as a manufac urer of leather, and leather goods. These industries have developed greatly in the prevince of Quebec, owing partly to the cheapness of labor and its facilities for tanning the raw leather. Out of 60 tenneries for tanning sole leather, about two thirds are in the province of Quebec. Montreal alone has 25 tanneries, and out of \$10,000,000 worth of leather made annually in Canada, learn that it is the intention of two er three Montreal dealers and manufacturers take over of the principal boot and shoe manufacfactories in the city, a leather-board works. five factories for making trunks, valises, matchels, etc., and the total hands employed over 5,000, besides those to whom work is given out to do at their homes. These boot and shoe establishments produce 15,-000 pairs every day or \$5,500,000 worth a year; about six per cent, of which are now sent to foreign countries.

A correspondent of this paper, noting there facts, and anxious to see how boom and shoes were turned out in this wholesale fashien, visited one of the large factories of the city. The establishment in questionlong known to the trade of Canada as J. & T. Bell-happened to be the oldest in Canada. To give an idea of the vitality of some of these Montreal firms, it may be mentioned that this firm has been in continuous existence since 1824. It was founded by the "I have already told you as much, young | had started in the boot and above line in man that way !

man, so methicks that you are the greatest 1819, Joshus and Thomas, someof Alex. Bell coward of the two in this ballying and continued in the steps of their father, each menacing a man who is obliged to devote on his own account. It is not often that his sword and his life to nobler purposes brothers, having embarked on their own account, join hands in business again, but What reply the dragoon could have made | these two separate firms were amalgamated in to this unskilful retort of the Egyptian's it 1845, and the result is, the firm of J. & T. Bell is impossible to say, for at this juncture in stands to this day as one of the leading boot through the door of the kiock-like summer and shoe establishments in Canada engaged house burst, sword in hand, the war minis- on the finer class of goods. The factory and ter's two white orderlies, whose duty it was | warerooms comprise seven flats, the estabnever to lose sight of their master for more lishment turning out several thousand pains than a few seconds at a time ; and by these per week. A fine corlies engine occupies with machines for outting and shaping the soles of boots. A complete sole is out out at each stroke of the machine, and another machine presses the sole into the shape of the foot. There are other machines for possess the power to force an apology from splitting theseleand for making it of uniform thickness ; and again another machine outs he added, "I will be magnanimous, for the a groove in the edge of the sole so that the winner of so great a prize (you know well to sewing can afterwards be done. On another what I allude) can well afford to forgive the | flat the uppers are cut and passed in to another department to be sewn together. The sewing is done by machinery, of course, and this firm were the first to introduce shoe machinery of any kind into Canada, having as early as 1845 imported a Singer machine from New York to sew uppers with. From this time dates the adoption of machinery ploy of the firm for 43 years, mentioned the introduction of the machine as a great ourlosity in the shop, adding that the circumtance was emphasized in his memory by receiving in the same case a Bible as a present from Mr Ball. Judging from this incident. and the fact that many of the other empleyees have been with the firm for periods of 20 and 25 years—several girls having come as children and left only on the occasion of their marriage—there must have been a great deal of good will existing between the firm and its employees. Speaking of machinery, the change that has taken place in this respect in the boot and shoe trade is wonderful. Almost everything that was done by hand thirty years ago is now performed by machines, except the lasting process, and even this is now largely done by machinery en some of the lower grades of boots in the States. Although thirty years comprehends the era of machinery in this line the most important improvements have been effected within the list fifteen years. Making the button holes for button boots, for instance. was done by hand till within a few years ago. This once tedious process is now done on a peculiar machine, which will button-hole 60 pairs of boots, or a total of 1200 button holes a day. Another comparatively new machine will stitch and trim the edges of uppers at one operation. and does its work in the most exact manner. Still another machine does the "skiving" or beveling of the edge of an upper, and here again the machine work is an improvement on the hand process, being done quickly and evenly, whereas by hand it required a certain "knack" which many otherwise excellent work men could not attain. There is one curious machine which turns an edge of leather in upon itself, and with the help of cement, will make a sort of hem complete in one operation. Another triumph of skill in this class of work is the machine which will sew in the sole of a boot in less than half a minute, and others are the heel trimmers. scourers and burnishers. The last named machine consists of a steel burnisher heated from within by a jet of gas, and moving round the heel, pressing hard to the heel as it moves back and forth and giving a perfect polish to it as it travels by an automatic motion over every part of the heel. One of these sets of burnishers will do 7 cases, or 420 pairs of boots a day. There are also buffing-machines which by means of sandpapered cylinders impart a finished and velvety feel and appearance to the soles of the boots; and many other contrivances which are an improvement on manual labor point of speed and perfection of work, comprising in all some 30 or 40 different kinds of machines. On being asked as to the effects of the small pox epidemic on the bu iness, Messrs. J. T ttagar and John Stephens, the managing partners of the firm, said that as far as their own trade was concerned they had had a very satisfactory season; and now had samples prepared for their travelers to start out for the coming season, with every prospect of a good trade, They had a wiver range of goods than before, having gone into men's as well as ladies, boots and shoes, which had been their sole specialty for some seas as past. While they worked only on the better class of goods and employed therefore the better class of workmen, they had taken extra precautions against small-pox, even though it was the opinion of some medical men that contagion could not be carried in boots and shoes owing to the disinfecting nature of the chemicals used in preparing the leather. They had withdrawn all work such as binding, etc., formerly done by work people outside, and had everything done on their own premises, and they had not only had all their employees vaccin ted, but had caused an inspection of their premises to be made by an independent physician, and have had subsequent weekly visits to the factory made by a doctor who sees that none of the employees or their families are suffering from the disease. Hence with all these precautions, of which their customers have been aware, they have not suffered in business. Happ'ly, also the disease has of late greatly abated, and this, together with the precautions taken by Montreal merchants generally, will restore general confidence in trade. Your correspondent was pleased to

> It is said that a man who eats onions will always ke-p a secret. This is partly due to the fact that the man who eats onlong in rarely allowed to get within whispering distance of his fellow-men.

to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to

be held in London next year. They will

certainly do Canada credit,

A correspondent wants to know if it is proper to urge a young lady to sing at an evening gathering, after she has refused once. It is proper to urge a little, but not too much, lest she should change her mind.

An exchange says : " A Ketnucky man recently wandered into church while service was being held " It is supposed that some Hallow e'en jokers had removed a lager bear sign and placed it ever the door of the late Alexander Bell, whose brother Joshua | church. It is an outrage to fool a Kentucky

are under age. Now, don t look indignant, for I did not apply the demoniac simile to them, but to Arabi Pasha, who is a man of great power, and one who would not be likely to let you slip from between his fingsmiled—the had to look so grieved, for if you could ers after he had obtained your parents' contact listened to taily stay away from me during a sent that you should be his wife; for a bemonth, forever will make little dif- trothal according to his creed, is almost as binding as a marriage, and he would not comprehend your having any right to dispose od knows, Nellie, that if I've stayed of yourself contrary to the expressed will of your parents. He would for these reasons think it properly legitimate and proper to seize upon you and slay me, and he is in a that I did it entirely for your position at present to couple both deeds with the will. "Oh. Frank, I am very loth to lead you into danger, but what is to be done? I know that if I remain here mamma will sacrifice my happiness to her ambition. She has never failed to win p. pa over to a single one of her pet schemes yet, nor will she in ward that I've resolved to run away | this case. My only hope of safety lies therefore in fight, but I can escape alone. Two hours will take me by train to Alexandria, and I do not despair of getting away to Eagland by some ship or other, for there is nearly always one on the point of sailing. "Your scheme is my own, my precious darling, my own at least with some slight variations. Instead of your going alone we hat, not if I was to do so mean a must go tegether; in lieu of two hours'

journey to Alexaedria, it must be a three hours' one to Port Said, and in place of simply some vessel or ther, it must be the would not commit such an ap-P & O. mail ship Poonah, which sails from thence at five o'clock to-morrow morning, and can be essily caught by the night mai Donelly, I shan't tell you plainly leaving Cairo at midnight. It must be a case of a downright old-fashioned elopement, such as we read of in novels, with a ladder, a carriage in waiting and all that

kind of thing. What say you, Nell?" "How can I allay my parents' anxiety concerning me, and how and when can we

"A note on your toilet table will effect one and the chaplain of the Poonah will perform the other. She is the vessel that I came out in, and I know him to be a good fellow, who would oblige me in anything. We'll be married within a quarter of an hour of getting aboard, and we'll sit down to breakfast as man and wife with the land to breaklast as many a mile astern of us. My the door, but shame drew me quickly dear Nellie, the whole thing is so easy that than lest the servants should dis- it cannot fail. I will be at your window exactly at a quarter past eleven, by which time every one in the house will be sound asleep. Come, darling, why do you look so

> "Tis at the thought of leaving my parents, from whom I have never yet been part-

"That sorrow comes to nine girls out of every ten, sooner or later, Neltie, and, besides, I feel quite sure that they will both be in England before long, where we shall of course meet them on land, and receive the parental blessing and all that sort of

With this and similar assurances the young dragoon officer won the fair girl's unqualified consent to all his proposals, when they proceeded to the building of bright castles in the air, which an untoward fate

was destined in the briefest possible while to knock over.