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CHAPTER XVII.

When Maxwell came to himself, it was med day light. He was lying upon a straw med daying a small room, containing no furbeside the rude bed; and as he lookhe could see the rafters, black with the smoke of ages. The place was and the same hack to him he redually, recollection came back to him, he rememd the events of the previous night, rdering vaguely why he had been selectsa victim for attack, and what brought By the clear sound of voices and rush of water, he judged himself to be the country. He had no consciousness of so he rose, and throwing open the door, looked out. Towering away eary door, were the snow-capped peaks mountains, and below him the spreading of the Campagna. Wood upon was piled up before him, all aglow

bright sunlight, the green leaves rispering and trembling in the breeze. hut was built on a long rocky plateau, proached by a narrow winding path, ending in a steep pricipice of two feet, and backed up behind of crowned by trees. In spite of his posi-Y of Canada. Maxwell drew a long breath of delight; eperfect beauty of the scene thrilled him, dappealed to his artistic soul and love the beautiful. For some time he gazed the panorama, perfectly oblivious to s position, till gradually the sound of mices borne upon the wind came to his ears. walked to the side of the hut and look-

Seated upon the short springy turf, in very picturesque and comfortable position ingenuity of each could contrive, were men, evidently, to Maxwell's experiared eye, banditti. They seemed peacethy inclined now, as they lounged there in bright sunshine smoking, and renewing severlasting papilito, without which no singentry are complete, either in the pages intion or as portrayed upon the modern we. With the exception of one, evident the leader, there was nothing gorgeous in zir costume, it being the usual attire of mountaineer; but the long carabines ing by their sides and the short daggers in waistbands spoke of their occupation. Livell began to scent an adventure and Ticke 3, 880, \$90, and \$100 soy the feeling; it would only mean the accommodation. Intermilay of a few pounds, a little captivity;
mowest rates. For further at when he approached nearer, and saw
method apply to H. R. an bearing on some part of his person the Local Agents in the difwie stepped forward and confronted the

"What is the meaning of this ?" he asked inces already represented the best Italian at his command. me, what is the amount ?"

Ine brigands looked to each other in adman ordinary prisoner."

AL MANUFACTUR'S CO in the first time, he began to experience a Washing Ma-chines, 3 kinds; "Plunder is not a nice word

"Plunder is not a nice word to ears main here during our pleasure."

But suppose I refuse to remain?"

wiwe do not often fail." traid your mountain air, exhilarating as it shall meet." 4 will not suit me."

fere in a position to appreciate.

It is impossible to say, signor. We was once a peaceful homestead. lawell here, and lo ! we have done it."

miwell replied; "and for some act of of him." assion or commission I am detained here.

"That I am not!" Maxwell cried indig-

last night. You will be well treated Gautier!" provided you do not make any at-If, on the other hand, you are tried Signor Salvarini, you bewilder me." the balance and found wanting, we shall The outlaw laughed loud and long; but

"Ance to you, either way?"

beet bravely; "though I do not wish harm." brave man die; but if the mandate to that effect, I must obey. There is reming the word of the League."

"Then I really am a prisoner of the League," Maxwell returned bitterly. "Well, the cause of liberty must be in a bad way, when the very members of the League treat brother; as I have been treated."

"Ah, it is a fine word, liberty," the brigand chief replied sardonical "It is a good phrase to into men's mouths, but there can be no freedom where the shadow of the sword dwells upon the land. Even I aly herself has suffered, as she will again. Perfect liberty and perfect freedom can only be founded upon the doctrine of universal pened.

By this time, Maxwell and the chief had no further news coming to him till the morn- in your hands." drawn a little aside from the others. The ing of the fourth day. Then he was sitting artist looked in his companion's face, and at the door of his hut, watching the sunrise incurred Le Gautier's enmity?—No? Simply, noted the air of sorrow there. It was a fine, glowing on the distant hills, when Salvarini because he aspires to the hand of Enid manly countenance, haughty and handsome, approached him, his face perturbed, and his Charteris.—You need not start," Isodore though the dark eyes were somewhat sombre | whole manner agitated. "You are in dan- continued, laying her hand upon the listennow. Maxwell, with his cosmopolitan in- ger," he whispered. "The orders have er's arm. "You have no cause for anxiety stinct, was drawn towards this man, who come, and you are proclaimed traitor. The It will never be !" had a history written on his brow. "You, men are mad against you, and declare you too, have suffered," he said gently.

Englishman, I have suffered, and not more their character; you have not seen them ready." from the Austrian yoke than the cruelties hungry for blood. almost perpendicular rock, fringed of my own countrymen. There will be no true liberty here while a stiletto remains in exclaimed. "Cannot you...." an Italian's belt."

"I suppose not," Maxwell mused. "These rupted. "I will do what I can; but I fear fast as steam could carry them. Societies seem to me a gigantic farce. Would that I had remained quietly at home, and let empires manage their own affairs. And Salvarini warned me too." "Salvarini! What do you know of him!"

the chief exclaimed.

friend.—Do you know him too?" quietly.—"You look surprised to find that tioned, whose lightest word could free his little City of Ottawa. You are doubtless a relative of Luigi should pursue such a feet and clear his path forever. profession as mine. Yes, he is my brother head a price has been put by the state. I our prisoner would have been no more."

am known to men as Paulo Lucci." away in the distant Apennines, the villagers | prey already? We shall see." sat round the winter firesides and discoursed It was light now, and from the plateau of this man with bated breath, and children beyond came the hoarse yells and cries you many seconds did not elapse before the trembled in their beds at the mere thought for revenge from the brigands. On they of his name. He laughed scornfully now as came towards the hut, clamouring for blood, splashing and dashing in the water like a lot he noted Maxwell's startled look.

"that my very name strikes terror to you! on to the level grass, while six of the party and the farmers who, with their families Bah! you have been listening to the old stepped back a few paces and cocked their had driven in to see the show, and I doubt woman's tales of my atrocities, about the rifles. The whole thing was so sudden that very much whether the river at Ottawa ever tortures my victims undergo and the thou- Lucci and Isodore were totally unprepared presented such an animated appearance as sand-and-one lies people are fond of telling to resist. But the girl roused herself now, on that day. about me. I can understand Luigi did not and quitting the the hut, swept across the atitis useless to put the figure too high. tell you I was his brother; I am not a open space and placed herself in front of up, which in elephant phrase cgy means relative to be proud of."

"He is in total ignorance of your identity. ration of this coolness. Presently, the That I do know.—I wonder at you choosing sier removed his cigarette from his mouth such a life," Maxwell put in boldly. "With mi spoke: "You have your watch, sig- your daring, you would have made fame as indignity." and papers; you have your rings and a soldier; any path of life you had chosen It is not our rule to forget these would have brought you honor; but now"-

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resation of fear. "Then, if plunder is not the other's side and composed himself to for by a life! Fire! and then pray for the the bank Calling each elephant by name

"If you look below you," the chief com-Mite, signor," the leader replied with a menced, and pointing with his finger across "You are detained by orders. the distant landscape, "you will see the sun beauty and daring, the audacity of which voice, halted and seemed to waver in their hear, with us, is to obey. You will re- shining upon a house-top. I can see the appealed to their rude instinct. One by one course. Albert, the oldest and biggest setlight reflected from it now. That house was | they dropped their firearms, and stood lookonce my home. I like sometimes to sit ing sullenly in the direction of the scornful Without rising, the brigand turned on his here and think of those days when Gillana woman, standing there without a particle started up the stream. Seeing at a glance sile and pointed towards the sheer preci- and I were happy there—that is ten years of fear in her eyes. and then to the wall behind; with a ago now. I had done my best for my counpath, the only means of exit, and smiled this peaceful spot with the woman of my us and justice?" mically. "You may go; there is nothing heart, to live in peace, as I hoped, for the prevent you," he said; "but before you rest of my life. But the fiend of Liberty stand aside. were half-way down the path yonder, you was abroad. My wife's father, an aged wild be the target for a score of bullets, man, was accused of complicity in political a firm steady voice. "Go on your knees, yet almost held our breath at this daring act. crimes, and one day, when I was absent, and ask for pardon.—Madam," he continu- When within a few yards of them Arting-Marwell was considerably impressed by they came to arrest him. My wife clung to ed, falling upon one knee, "I did not think stall again shouted 'Mile up,' but without the cool display; and indeed, when he con- him, and one of the brutal soldiery struck my followers would have shown such scant effect. Then, seeming to lose his temper, he Mered the matter calmly, there appeared her down with the but of his rifle; I came courtesy to Isodore." prospect of immediate escape. Remon- in time to see that, for my blood was on fire, position. "Perhaps you would not ly murdered by that foul blow. But I had humbly to implore her forgiveness for their from one to another, repeating the fork pertelling me why I am here, and by my revenge. When I crossed the threshold rashness, but she waved them aside. those orders you have arrested me. It of my house, on my flight to the mountains, fould be some slight consolation to know I left three dead men behind me, and anoth- gether, listening to the revelation of Le cried peccavi and swam trembling to the ow long I am to stay. I am anxious to er, the officer, wounded sore. He recover- Gautier's treachery, and how the final act shore. Once there the keepers soon had how this," he continued, "because I am ed, I afterwards heard; but some day we

Ther instructions as regards your welfare speaker continued. "To him I have been When they had got so far, Isodore held out been made in the direct line between Pomof otherwise. We were told to bring one dead for years; indeed, I do not know what her hand to the guide. makes me tell you now, only that you sur-"I see you are brothers of the League," prised me, and I like to hear a little news to come any farther," she said. "Rest asthe amphitheater of Pompeii. If the whole

"I have heard this history before," Max- shall not be forgotten." In can at least tell me by whose orders well observed. "It is five years ago now; "It will not, Lucci answered sternly. the portion laid bare it will be one of the mode in "Signor, they say you are a traitor to cannot enjoy this life. It is wild and ex-

orders. There is some mistake officer who ordered his follower to strike the time comes, I shall be there!" Without inscriptions painted in red, many of them the time comes, I shall be there!" Without inscriptions painted in red, many of them the time comes, I shall be there!" Without being of the nature of advertisements, the down my wife. I have waited long; but another word he disappeared; and Isodore being of the nature of advertisements, the down my wife. I have waited long; but another word in down the Eternal tombs thus serving the purpose of a newscame from London. I only received heaven help the man called Hector le Mile after mile passed on thus, ere Maxwell exact date has not yet been accurately as-

"Le Gautier!" Maxwell exclaimed. "He, The great and the state of the guest, and as such, the best I have is Head Centre of the Brotherhood in London. Four disposal. If orders come to release He was even present at the time when we shall conduct you to Rome. We Luigi told us your sad history. Surely he Luigi told us your sad history. Surely he cannot know; and yet I trusted him too.

trial to do our duty." He said these last the mirth was strained, and jarred harshly the sterning sterning to do our duty. " He said these last the mirth was strained, and that fiend is a the sternly, in contrast to the polite, upon the listener. "And that fiend is a pare marner of the sternly in contrast to the polite, upon the listener. Strange things happen marner with which he uttered the friend of Luigi's! Strange things happen in these times. Beware, Signor Maxwellin these times. Bewale, bewale his meaning. "You mean that I chief yet. It was by his orders you were that have to die and have to die and the state of that man, for the state of the state of

> "Not that you are aware of, perhaps. Still, no doubt you have crossed his path in would have died first." some way. If I have a command in the

morning to lead you out youder to faces kindness to him at the last. You were dozen rifles, I shall not be surprised."

"This morning, yes. Now, I am doubt- "But I do not understand," Maxwell Gantier's enemy; I do not wish to help reputation."

end of which time Maxwell had become a friend Genevieve?" great favorite with the outlaw band. Following the lead of their chief, they treated him with every kindness; nor was he in his changed and altered from those happy old turn inclined to resent his captivity or chafe days when you used to come to the Villa at this delay. His chief fear was for Enid; Mattio. You wonder why I am here nowfor Paulo Salvarini, though he was inclined why I left my home. Cannot you guess to allow his prisoner every latitude, was that Le Gautier was at the bottom of it?" firm upon the point of communication with the outer world; for, as he pointed out, he he"might after all be guilty of some great treachery to the League, and in that case yours. But until I give you permission to must be answerable for anything that hap- speak, not a word that Isodore and Gene-

So the days passed on in that quiet spot, shall be brought out for instant execution. "Suffered?" the brigand echoed. "Yes Ah! you have only seen the best side of

nothing can save you now." "Do not be afraid," said a calm voice behind. "I shall save him!"

"Isodore!" "Yes, Paulo Lucci; it is I."

"Nothing but what is good and noble, beautiful woman he had ever seen in his life. everything to make one proud to call him For a moment he could only gaze in rapt able fights on record. Four elephants against astonishment. This, then, was the Empress one man, and in the water, too. In July or "He is my brother," the chief replied of the League—the woman Visci had men

the brother of an outlaw, upon whose with a low obeisance. "An hour hence and to Ottawa they had been deprived of that

"I am always in time," Isodore replied Maxwell started. The man sitting calmly quietly. "I have come to deliver you from little eyes caught sight of the river and the by his side was the most famous and daring a great danger," she continued, turning to news was trumpeted about in elephant lanbandit chief of his time. Provinces rang Maxwell. "Come; we must be in Rome at with his fame, and the stories of his dashing once, and away, or we may yet be too late. exploits resounded far and near. Even Hark! Are the wolves clamouring for their anxiety to bathe, and as soon as the after-

you mad, that you do this thing? Ground other four to return. Men were ent with your rifles, or you shall pay dearly for this rocks to the bridge and the entire circus

"But now I am an outlaw," Paulo Sal- moment, and then one, more daring than As a last resource the chief trainer, George S dow shades, at Maxwell felt in his pocket, and, surely varini interrupted. "And why? If you the rest, raised his carabine to the shoulder, Artingstall, was sent for. The poor fellow standing in the act of firing.

Maxwell threw himself upon the grass by and every hair of my head shall be avenged mme diately dressed himself and came to mercy of heaven, for you shall not meet he ordered them to 'Mile up.' For a moment with any from the hand of man !"

pature he indicated the narrow winding try; I had fought for her, and I retired to the rest—"who are you, that come between from which he soon emerged dressed in

"If she falls, I fall!" Lucci exclaimed in

At the very mention of her name, a change | commenced using his fork for all he was Trances or threats would be equally unavail and I did not hesitate. You can under- came over the mutineers. One by one they worth. Pretty soon a cry of rage came from g and he determined to make the best of stand the rest. My wife was killed, actual- dropped their firearms, and came forward the animal, upon which the trainer jumped

He stopped abruptly, shaking in every treachery, and how, out of his own mouth, sank into a dead faint the moment he touch-The group burst into loud laughter at this limb from the violence of his emotion, his he was going to be convicted. Silently and ed shore. the humor: it was a kind of wit they sombre eyes turned towards the spot where slowly they wound their way down the the sun shone upon the roof-tops of what mountain path, under Lucci's guidance, out on to the plains, beyond which the sun obey orders; we can only wait for "Luigi can only guess at this," the lighted upon the house-tops of distant Rome.

citing, no doubt; but your companions"— Nay, do not try to dissuade me. I do not money is wanting, so that the excavation is "I live for revenge," Salvarini exclaimed take my revenge from another hand. I going on very slowly. "Tell me why I am here, and at sternly. "I am waiting to meet the brutal the time comes I shall be there!" Without inscriptions painted in red, many of them broke the silence.

he said half timidly.

might have been was horrible.

"I know it; and I thank you for your tions. - Swiss Cross.

with him when he died. Things could not "And you would countenance such mur- have been better. He was always fond of you. For that, f am grateful."

ful. You are my brother's friend; I am Le faltered. "He did not know you except by

I think you are mistaken. Am I Three days passed uneventfully by, at the changed that you do not recognise your

"Genevieve! You? Am I dreaming?" "Yes; I am Genevieve; though much

"But he professed not to know you; "Yes, he professed to be a friend of

vieve are one and the same." "My lips are sealed. I leave everything

"And cannot you guess why you have

"Never, while I can prevent it !" Maxwell cried warmly. "It is impossible. He has a wife al-

Only tarrying for one mournful hour to "Do they want to murder me?" Maxwell visit the cemetery where lay Carlo Visci's quiet grave, Isodore and Maxwell made But groundless were those fears; as there prevail "I am powerless now," Salvarini inter- their way, but not together, to England, as

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

A Very Remarkable Fight.

"While travelling through the country Maxwell looked up, and saw the most with Barnum in 1881," said a veteran showman, "I witnessed one of the most remark-August, 1881, our show struck the pleasant aware that elephants are extremely fond of "You have come in time," Salvarini said bathing. For some little time before coming pleasure. No sooner were they unloaded from the train, however, than their sharp guage from one to the other. They were very restive all day and betrayed great noon performance was over the under keepers marched them to the river bank. I assure whole herd, twenty three in number, were and mad with the heat of passion. They of school boys. Such a strange sight natural-"I am so very terrible," he continued, rushed in, seized Maxwell, and led him out ly attracted the attention of the townspeople

"After awhile the keepers bouted 'Mile all in. Nineteen immediately sw .m. to shore "Drop your arms!" she cried. "Are but no amount of shouting could induce the force swarmed along both river banks try-Appalled by her gestures and the dignity ing with stones to turn the huge beasts in of her voice, the desperadoes hesitated for a the direction of the canvas, but all in vain. it looked as though his command would be The desperate men were amazed by this obeyed, for the elephants, recognizing his tled the matter by uttering a loud snort of defiance, and led by him they once more that he could do nothing on shore, Mr. Art-"Who are you," cried one bolder than ingstall made for the dressing room tent, They all took up the cry, and bade her prod or fork between his teeth, boldly swam out to the elephants.

sprang upon the back of the nearest one, and formance until after at least ten minutes Long and earnestly the three talked to- fierce fighting and jumping, the elephants was about to be played over there in Eng- them under subjection, but Artingstall, who land: how Le Geutier had confessed his had displayed such intrepidity and courage,

## A Street of Tombs.

peii and Nocera. The digging of a well in "Good-bye. It will not be safe for you a vineyard revealed the existence of a street sured, in the general reckoning your account | the amphitheater of Pompeii. If the whole street is as closely lined with tombs as is

Mile after mile passed on thus, ere Maxwell exact date has not yet been accurately ascertained, but they probably belong to the "Do you think he will keep his word?" periods of Julius Cæsar and Tiberius. contrast may be drawn between the condi-"Who, Lucci? Yes; he will keep his tion of Pompeii and that of Pergamon, which, word; nothing but death will prevent that. although double the size of Pompeii, has, -And now, you and I must get back to thanks to the energy of the Prussian govern-England without a moment's loss of time." ment, been laid clear within eight years. "Icannot say how grateful I am," Maxwell In the latter beautiful finely painted statues, said earnestly. "If it had not been for votive offerings to Athena, and belonging to your bravery and courage"-He stopped the sixth century B. C., have been found and shuddered; the contemplation of what buried in the earth, and literally forming. the foundation of the houses above. Their Isodore smiled a little unsteadily in an- style of art is one hitherto not supposed posswer to these words. "I owe you a debt sible at so remote a period, and they cause The discovery of an aqueduct which probthe served of the utmost in- add as one of the Brotherhood only, you to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to the time of King Solvou to die, when you would have perished ably dates back to t you to die, when you would have done in so I did his bidding."

Let's beware of "the man (?)" who scorns to work. Yet dares not refrain from eating ! In the core of his heart doth meanness lurk, In spite of his bland, fair greeting

He may talk and look like "a gentleman," And dress in the height of fashion He'll run "on credit" wherever he can, If "dunned"—gets into a passion !

He will ofttimes talk of religion, too, And pray with seeming devotion : He will go to church, yet pay for a pew-Of that he ne'er had a notion

He carries his head like an English lord, Though he sometimes tastes of hunger He will eat at the widow's frugal board And "skip" when she "trusts" no longer

His heart is devoid of affection dear,— He'd live off his poor old mother ! And will "sponge" on his friends both far and near, Claiming each one for a brother

Oh! out on the man with the heart of stone, Who knows not the pleasure of giving; Who will whimper, and whine, and beg, and groan-"That the world owes him a living!"

He who "will not work " should not dare to eat The bread of another's earning; Far rather a thousand times sweep the street, Thereby independence learning

A Coronation Greeting.

lictoria, we greet thee, Empress Queen Who now o'er us hast ruled for fifty years, And still in virtue, truth and love art seen As when thou first began thy reign in tears, Afraid lest in thy duty thou should'st fail And prove thyself unworthy of the trust Sure tokens of thy deeds, both merciful and just.

All Britons now with joy their voices raise, Exalting through each land thy glorious name, And with true happiness sing forth thy praise In peace and concord, adding to thy fame. Their throbbing hearts with love for thee abound, And gladly each one follows in the strain, As hymns of thankfulness on high they sound For all the blessings of thy happy virtuous reign.

From far Australia's shores beyond the sea, There comes a sound of gratitude sincere For all the acts of kindness done by thee Throughout thy long and prosperous career; Fair Canada, in gladsome burst of song, Contributes to thy glory and renown; n India, too, with voices loud and strong,

As Rome it conquering heroes glorified . With shouts of joyful triumph for success; So now, thy subjects look on the in pride, With one continual peal of j yousness, Re-echoing o'er the world from land to land Thy honoured name, with true and heartfelt love; For thou hast governed with a loving hand, Receiving strength and wisdom from the throne above,

A prayer ascends to God for her who wears the

We pray that God will bless thee, noble Queen, And grant thee still yet many years in peace To rule o'er us with happiness serene, And from thee every care and sorrow cease; That at the closing of thy glorious reign, Thou shalt have every joy and perfect rest And when departed from this world of pain, Thou may'st the Victor's crowd wear ever with the

## Toronto's Coronation Ode.

BY W. A. SHERWOOD. Long before you grey cathedral rose to greet the Sabbath day, Long before its silvery chiming echo'd o'er the When the red man roamed the forest for the bird

whose plume he wore. Far beyond his homely wigwam on the thickly-wood-Thence returning Old Toronto saw him wandering

With the braves who came to greet him from the neighboring Indian town; Came they in to see the banners and to hear the bands men play, Grand old strains of British music on that Corona

tion-Day. "You may fire," Isodore cried. "Fire! malaria, but on learning of the difficulty Trembling when the little cannon dared its iron voice E'en the forest seemed to startle at the vigor of its

Joyously they heard the story of the young Queen crown'd, till they, Homeward hastening flung the war-dance 'round the From their heart with native kindness came the full-

ness of their song, Yea, since fifty years of progress how the echo floats Balsam, pine and sugar-maple, birch and beech and All have fallen 'neath the forward sweeping of the

woodman's stroke 🔻 And as backward moves the forest, so the red man tumbler's tights, and placing the elephant | Seeks the silence of the woodland from the noise and glare of day, And ten thousand stately mansions tell of something

we have done, "Used as we were to strange sights we Since upon this day commemorate fifty years our Other lights than Indian camp-fires gleaming all

Stars of civilization triumph on this Coronation Day! Yea, from furthest loyal westland see approach the See the golden cars of commerce, synonyms of power Bearing tribute's costly treasures, hallow'd offerings

Lo! ye traitors of the Empire, look and let your Know ye not our young Dominion rests her head on Britain's breast, And the standard o'er her floating is Victoria's Royal

And, until that honor'd sceptre passes from our Till her dying blassing crowns us undivided shall we By the blood of Balaklava, by the battles of the

By the Burnaby and Gordon on the Khedive's desert By the chains of slavery broken, by the God that we An interesting discovery has very recently By the grand old open Bible we are one for ever.

# A Big Canal Project!

The French Minister of Public Works, replying to a question in the Chamber of Deputies, said the proposal to construct a canal connecting the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea was not ripe for discussion. The work would cost \$300,000,000, while the revenue from the tolls levied would not cover the interest. Adverting to the scheme to make Paris a seaport, the Minister said that in the present state of the country's finances the Government could not approve so costly an undertaking. The initiative must be left to private enterprise. He doubted whether the work was possible without the co-operation of the state.

## Austrian Evictions.

In one year in Vienna over 62,000 notices of eviction were served for non payment of State and municipal taxes. The population of the city proper being at the time roughly 753,000, it follows that about one in every twelve Viennese had the legal sword suspended over him. In no fewer than 14,795 cases the evictions were actually carried out. Equally suggestive is the fact that in 1885 alone outdoor relief had to be given here to 107,856 persons, while 35,708 arrests were made for vagrancy.

is confidently anticipated that the further Before marriage the question a girl asks "Indeed, you only do me justice. I excavation of it will bring to light some- her lover most often is: "Do you really extremely interesting and valuable inscrip love me?" After marriage the query becomes: "Is my hat on straight?"