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[illegible] lady were a little peculiar cry, stag[illegible] and tell back.

[illegible] Getting her fetters with my [illegible] I led her quietly to a divan that [illegible] to be near, the Bedouins [illegible] close about, but chivalrously [illegible] hands off her.

"Be not afraid," I said, as gently [illegible] could, when she had recovered a [illegible] "We will do thee no harm." [illegible] answered something in broken [illegible] which I did not understand, [illegible] seemingly, professing herself quite [illegible] as we had come. The Bedouins, [illegible] among themselves, ap[illegible] the value of her rich attire of [illegible] and gold and jewels, but as for [illegible] I was speculating what the tremendous [illegible] there was and how she could [illegible] Meanwhile Suleiman had captured the queen, who, as [illegible] privately informed me, was worth [illegible] than all the rest put together.

CHAPTER XXIV.

THE INDIAN PRINCESS.

There was still much to be done and [illegible] of haste in doing it, but Suleiman's first duty was to provide for the safety of the prizes he had taken. "You shall ride with us, fe lovely [illegible]," said, addressing the ladies [illegible] the grand air of a born cavalier, "and we will make you scorns from the fury of man. Far have we come to deliver you from ruthless hands and ignoble bondage."

And who instructed thee in our condition?" demanded the Circassian, flashing with queenly eyes. "They deliverance, methinks, will be slavery—thy curse a perpetual evil."

"Sweet rose of the garden," replied Suleiman, "it becometh not thy beauty to be in a temper. Thy lord is far from hence; my beauteous one, and his return to thy lovely bosom is uncertain. Where lows haulest thou tarry here to [illegible] alone?"

"There can be no worse absement than going with thee," she snapped. "Leave us to such chances as fate may bring and act ye gone, for ye are but portionless Bedouins of the desert."

"Nay," answered Suleiman, more insinuatingly than ever. "We cannot as the dove," he said, making a salaam toward the litters. "We value the gifts of Heaven, and my purpose in speaking is to let it be known that, by my life, the man who layeth a profane finger on these fair ones shall die the death of a dog. Yet is there much to comfort us. We shall feast, my merry ones. Yea, eat and drink in honour of our victories. There is a sweet savour already in my nostrils. Here are rivers of the wine of Shiraz, and bread baked in the ovens of Amood. Heaven protect him in his adversity!"

The company applauded, and fell merrily to eating and drinking; the men squatted on the ground beside their horses, the women chastely withdrawn in their litters and attended by the obsequious Baruk.

The meal was not over when Suleiman and Ibrahim were discussing our next movement. Much was said in a low voice about pilgrims and caravans and the pecuniary value of ladies such as we happened to possess, and, though I did not hear all, yet by putting two and two together, I understood that more robberies were in the wind. In short, the pious of the Moslem world were then making the annual pilgrimage, and we were bent on relieving them of some of their superfluous wealth.

The caravan on which we were anxious to bestow our attentions was the one that, starting from Yumen, proceeds by the mountain course to Taif. As we knew almost to a day at which it would appear, we could post ourselves satisfactorily and await its coming with composure. The place of reception was in the heart of the mountains, in a deep and ugly defile where two camels could scarcely walk abreast, and a caravan could be barried with impunity. We rode hard, gained our position in good time, like like foxes among the rocks, and prayed that the hadjis would not tarry. While waiting their arrival I had an experience that would be worth a fortune to a story-teller.

The sun had set, and the night had closed in rather dark. I had been attending to my mare, and was returning to my companions, when Baruk, sailing up with an air of profound mystery, whispered that the Indian princess wished to have speech with me.

"But beware how thou goest," he said. "A score of lances would be sheathed in thy body if thou wert caught talking to her in secret."

"Why want with me, Baruk?" I enquired softly.

"She will tell thee. Follow me," he answered, gliding into the darkness.

The danger and the mystery were of course an irresistible incentive, and I turned after him instantly. We found the Indian crouching behind a big stone, having by some pretence managed to get away from the other women. Saluting her quietly, I told her I was at her service, but instead of answering me she turned to Baruk.

"Good, good Baruk," she said, in the sweetest of voices and in broken Arabic. "Gracious Baruk, go back to the litters."

"Say I am praying to the [illegible]. It is a custom with my people. It is a rite, say a rite, my Baruk. Fear not, I will return to thee." He, [illegible] from this side to the ladies, and from the ladies back to the pile.

"It is good," he remarked. "Said not that Amood was a mighty hence[illegible] of his kind? There is enough here to make the black tents merry for a year."

But it was a hard question how to get all this booty away. We had won it by force, and by force might we lose it, for in such adventures as loot[illegible] castles property changes hands with unreckonable quickness.

Suleiman stepped to the latticed window, seen it into shivers, and looked down. We were on the outer wall of the castle, and our beasts could not be far off. There he roped, where riches so bound, my gazelle," he said, turning to Baruk.

"Yea, my lord."

"Take him and bring a rope. All," said Suleiman to a man at his side. "Two, if thou canst find them, and take thy best speed."

All and Baruk were out of sight in a moment, and Suleiman went on with his instructions.

"And thou, Ibrahim, my trusty right hand, take with you three others, leave your way down to where we left our horses, and tell our fellows to bring them under this window. The latter will be easier, let camels, too, be not in hands of men, and the fair ones would ride the easier in litters. I will swing a lamp in the window as a signal to thee, and forget not, good Ibrahim, to make haste."

"I will not forget," said Ibrahim, choosing his companions.

In a few minutes All and Baruk were back with two stout ropes, which were made fast to two spearheads, driven into the floor.

"We will slip down these quicker than the angels came down Jacob's ladder," remarked Suleiman, throwing the loose ends out of the window. "Now, good Ibrahim, do not tarry."

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"By taking their keepers unawares and sending them swiftly to the prophet's bosom," replied Ibrahim.

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"Let go," shouted Suleiman, [illegible] his crooked sword and rush[illegible] the group. Two of the men [illegible] obeyed, drew a pair of long [illegible] and put themselves in [illegible] of defence; the third catch[illegible] the women by the wrists dragged [illegible] running into an adjacent room, [illegible] crowded to Suleiman's aid, and [illegible] would have been over in a [illegible] had not the women who were be[illegible] come up and flung themselves [illegible] among our weapons. Suleiman [illegible] at the interruption of the [illegible] moment being the fiercer [illegible] adversaries, profiting [illegible] the diversion, took to their heels [illegible] as a cat upon them [illegible] who tugged at the queen's [illegible] scimitar, seeing battle was [illegible] his hold and fled af[illegible] ladies.

[illegible] released, the two women fled or [illegible] a worse agony of fright than [illegible] we, getting unceremoniously [illegible] went in hot pursuit [illegible] them, and they separ[illegible] out of sight on either [illegible] as I have seen hunt[illegible] disappear among whins and [illegible] bracken, with half the com[illegible] after the one. I with the [illegible] on the track of the other.

[illegible] to be the Indian princess [illegible] almost overtaken her, when [illegible] a tiger from his native [illegible] spring out of ambush [illegible] and before she could so [illegible] had her into a curtained [illegible] There were two men trying [illegible] had her, but they never [illegible] the operation. One went [illegible] his vengeance on the [illegible] dead him, and the other [illegible] of sight, leaving the [illegible] with his victim's arms [illegible] and fled, the lady [illegible] swooning, staggered and [illegible] as it happened, right into [illegible]

[illegible] lady were a little peculiar cry, stag[illegible] and tell back.

[illegible] Getting her fetters with my [illegible] I led her quietly to a divan that [illegible] to be near, the Bedouins [illegible] close about, but chivalrously [illegible] hands off her.

"Be not afraid," I said, as gently [illegible] could, when she had recovered a [illegible] "We will do thee no harm." [illegible] answered something in broken [illegible] which I did not understand, [illegible] seemingly, professing herself quite [illegible] as we had come. The Bedouins, [illegible] among themselves, ap[illegible] the value of her rich attire of [illegible] and gold and jewels, but as for [illegible] I was speculating what the tremendous [illegible] there was and how she could [illegible] Meanwhile Suleiman had captured the queen, who, as [illegible] privately informed me, was worth [illegible] than all the rest put together.

CHAPTER XXIV.

THE INDIAN PRINCESS.

There was still much to be done and [illegible] of haste in doing it, but Suleiman's first duty was to provide for the safety of the prizes he had taken. "You shall ride with us, fe lovely [illegible]," said, addressing the ladies [illegible] the grand air of a born cavalier, "and we will make you scorns from the fury of man. Far have we come to deliver you from ruthless hands and ignoble bondage."

And who instructed thes in our condition?" demanded the Circassian, flashing with queenly eyes. "They deliverance, methinks, will be slavery—thy curse a perpetual evil."

"Sweet rose of the garden," replied Suleiman, "it becometh not thy beauty to be in a temper. Thy lord is far from hence; my beauteous one, and his return to thy lovely bosom is uncertain. Where lows haulest thou tarry here to [illegible] alone?"

"There can be no worse absement than going with thee," she snapped. "Leave us to such chances as fate may bring and act ye gone, for ye are but portionless Bedouins of the desert."

"Nay," answered Suleiman, more insinuatingly than ever. "We cannot

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Washington, Sept. 25—Rev. Dr. Talmage this morning preached from the text, I. Chronicles xx, 6, 7:

"A man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand and six on each foot, and he also was the son of a giant. But when he defied Israel, Jonathan, the son of Shimea, David's brother, slew him."

Malformation photographed, and for what reason? Did not this passage slip by mistake into the sacred Scriptures, as sometimes a paragraph utterly obnoxious to the editor gets into his newspaper during his absence? Is not this Scripture all errata? No, no; there is nothing haphazard about the Bible. This passage of Scripture was as certainly intended to be put in the Bible as the verse, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," or "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son."

And I select it for my text to-day because it is charged with practical and tremendous meaning. "By the people of God the Philistines had been conquered, with the exception of a few giants. The race of giants is mostly extinct. I am glad to say. There is no use for giants now except to enlarge the income of museums. But there were many of them in olden times. Goliath was, according to the Bible, 11 feet 4½ inches high, or, if you doubt this, the famous Pilpay declares that at Crete by an earthquake a monument was broken open, discovering the remains of a giant 46 cubits long, or 63 feet high. So, whether you take sacred or profane history, you must come to the conclusion that there were in those times cases of human altitude monstrous and appalling.

David had smashed the skull of one of those giants, but there were three giants that the Davidean wars had not yet subdued, and one of them stands in my text. He was not only of Alpine stature, but had a surplus of digits. To the ordinary fingers was annexed an additional finger, and the foot had also a superfluous addendum. He had 24 terminations to hands and feet, where others have 20. It was not the only instance of the kind. Gavernier, the learned writer, says that the Emperor of Java had a son endowed with the same number of extremities. Velcathis, the poet, had six fingers on each hand. Maupertuis, in his celebrated letters, speaks of two families near Berlin similarly equipped of hand and foot. All of which I can believe, for I have seen two cases of the same physical superabundance. But this giant of the text is in battle, and as David, the stripling warrior, had dismatched one giant, the nephew of David slays this monster of my text, and there he lies after the battle in Gath, a dead giant. His stature did not save him, and his superfluous appendages of hand and foot did not save him. The probability was that in the battle his sixth finger on his hand made him clumsy in the use of his weapon, and his sixth toe crippled his gait. Behold the prostrate and malformed giant of the text: "A man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand and six on each foot, and he also was the son of a giant. But when he defied Israel, Jonathan, the son of Shimea, David's brother, slew him."

Behold how superfluities are a hindrance rather than a help! In all the battles at Gath that day there was not a man with ordinary stature that was not better off than this physical curiosity of my text. A dwarf on the right side is stronger than a giant on the wrong side, and all the body and mind and estate and opportunity that you cannot use for God and the betterment of the world are a sixth finger and a sixth toe and a terrible hindrance. The most of the good done in the world and the most of those who win the battles for the right are ordinary people. Count the fingers of their right hand, and they have just five—no more and no less. One Dr. Duff among missionaries, but 3,000 missionaries that would tell you they have only common endowment. One Florence Nightingale to nurse the sick in conspicuous places, but 10,000 women who are just as good nurses, though never heard of. The "Camp Angel" was a big gun that during the civil war made a big noise, but muskets of ordinary calibre and shell of ordinary bolt did the execution. President Tyler and his Cabinet go down the Potomac one day to experiment with the "Peacemaker," a great iron gun that was to affright with its thunder foreign nations. The gunner touches it off, and it explodes and leaves Cabinet Ministers dead on the deck, while at that time, all up and down our coasts, were cannon of ordinary bore, able to be the defense of the nation and ready at the first touch to waken to duty. The curse of the world is big guns. After the politicians, who have made all the noise, go home hoarse from angry discussion on the evening of the first Monday in November, the next day the people, with the silent ballots, will settle everything and settle it right, a million of the white slips of paper they drop making about as much noise as the fall of an apple blossom.

Clear back in the country to-day there are mothers in plain apron and sheen fashioned on a rough last by a shoemaker at the end of the lane, rocking babies that are to be the Martin Luthers and the Faradays, and the Edisons and the Bismarcks and the Gladstones and the Washingtons and the George Whitefields of the future. The longer I live the more I like common folks. They do the world's work, bearing the world's burdens, weeping in the world's sympathies, carrying the world's consolation. Among lawyers we see rise up a Rufus Choate or a William Wirt or a Samuel L. Southard, but society would go to pieces to-morrow if there were not thousands of common lawyers to see that men and women get their rights. A Valentine Mott or a Willard Parker rises up eminent in the medical profession, but what an unlimited sweep would pneumonia and diphtheria and scarlet fever have in the world if it were not for 10,000 common doctors! The old physician in his gig, driving up the lane of the farmhouse or riding on horseback, his medicines in the saddlebags, arriving on the ninth day of the fever, and coming in to take hold of the pulse of the patient, while the family, pale with anxiety, and looking on and waiting for his decision in regard to the patient, and hearing him say, "Think God, I have mastered the case; he is getting well!" excites in me an admiration quite equal to the mention of the names of the great metropolitan doctors of the past or the illustrious living men of the present.

Yet what do we see in all departments? People not satisfied with ordinary shares of work and ordinary duties. Instead of trying to see what they can do with a hand of five fingers, they want six. Instead of usual endowment of 20 manual and pedal addenda, they want 24. A certain amount of money for livelihood, and for the supply of those whom we leave behind us after we have departed this life, is important, for we have the best authority for saying, "He that provideth not for his own, and especially those of his own household, is worse than an infidel," but the large and fabulous sums for which many struggle, if obtained, would be a hindrance rather than an advantage.

The anxieties and annoyances of those whose estates have become plethoric can only be told by those who possess them. It will be a good thing when, through your industry and prosperity, you can own the house in which you live. But suppose you own 50 houses and you have all those rents to collect and all those tenants to please. Suppose you have branched out in business successes until in almost every direction you have investments. The fire bell rings at night; you rush upstairs to look out of the window to see if it is any of your mills. Epidemic of crime comes, and there are embezzlements and absconding in all directions, and you wonder whether any of your bookkeepers will prove recreant. A panic strikes the financial world, and you are like a hen under a sky full of hawks and trying with anxious clluck to get your overgrown chickens safely under wing. After a certain stage of success has been reached you have to trust so many important things to others that you are apt to become the prey of others, and you are swindled and defrauded, and the anxiety you had on your brow when you were earning your first $1,000 is not equal to the anxiety on your brow now that you have won your $500,000.

The trouble with such a one is, he is spread out like the unfortunate one in my text. You have more fingers and toes than you know what to do with. Twenty were useful; 24 are a hindering superfluity.

Disraeli says that a King of Poland abdicated his throne and joined the people and became a peasant drawer of barrels. And some one asked him why he did so, and he replied: "Upon my honor, gentlemen, the load which I cast off was by far heavier than the one you see me carry. The weightiest is but a straw when compared to that weight under which I labored. I have slept more in four nights than I have during all my reign. I begin to live and to be a king myself. Elect whom you choose. As for me, I am so well it would be madness to return to court."

"Well," says somebody, "such overloaded persons ought to be pitied, for their worriments are real, and their insomnia and their nervous prostration are genuine." I reply that they could get rid of the bothersome surplus by giving it away. If a man has more houses than he can