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ly to Lily herself. In these letters I gave an account of my life and fortunes since I meed, striking with my swollen hands. Thus it came about that, with the ex-

to follow Garcia to the ends of the earth. ly I came upon a party of men, brown in the first white man who ever dwelt among me a madman thus to postpone or per- who had been fishing in the river. By by Cortes, though his companions were above anything on earth, but you who un- which were loads of merchandise, and they god of the country. But the name of the derstand my heart will not blame me, were now engaged in eating. So soon as Spaniards was already known to the Inhowever much you may grieve for my de- these men caught sight of me they uttered dians, who looked on them with supersticision. I could never be happy even at exclamations in an unknown tongue, and tious fear, for in the year previous to my your side if I abandoned my search now. seizing weapons that lay by them, bows being cast away the hidalgo Hernandez First must come the toil and then the rest; and arrows and wooden clubs set on their de Cordova had visited the coast of Yucafirst the sorrow and then the joy. Do not side with spikes of flinty glass, they made tan and fought several battles with the nafear for me. I feel that I shall live to re- toward me as though to kill me.

And now Lily wept—first for joy bepaste of a brown color and aromatic smell. | self in the linen robes that were provided | my senses swam, nor did I recover them cause of my good fortune and then for sor- Then by signs he directed me to remove for me I came into the large room, where till I found myself lying on the accursed row because I had not come with my treassuch garments as remained on me, the food was given me. Scarcely had I finishstone, the priests dragging at my limbs the deads mad by winting of which I ilward fashion of which seemed to puzzle them ed my meal when my captor, the cazique, and head, my breast strained upward till the deeds read by virtue of which Lily was greatly. This being done, they proceeded a rich woman whether I lived or died the to anoint my body with the paste, the appearance struck terror to my heart. In a drum, while over me stood the human squire, her father, swore aloud and said touch of which gave me a most blessed re-

brother, who left the house without a word plagued me little. and straightway took to evil courses. But When I was anointed, they offered I all talked loudly of my madness because I food-fried fish and cakes of meal, together would not abandon the chase of my enemy, with a most delicious hot drink covered but chose to follow him to the far Indies, with a brown and foaming froth that I though Squire Bozard took comfort from learned to know afterward as chocolate. the thought that whether I lived or died When I had finished eating, having talked his filthy hand upon my heart, which beat my eyes, I saw it flash upward. Then, their religion, giving her insight into the Lily spoke up for me, saying: "Thomas tioned me to enter one of the canoes, givhas sworn an oath, and he does well to ing me mats to lie on. I obeyed, and three go to wait until he comes to me in this was large. One of these, a very grave man world or the next.

CHAPTER X. THE LAND OF MONTEZUMA.

As it chanced, a large Spanish carak paddles. Then we started, followed named Las Cinque Liagas, or The Five three other canoes, and before we had gone was about to sail for Hispanials to leave the canoes, and before we had gone fore I could do anything, before I could termined to torture me before I died, and to witness almost daily, I could have Wounds, was about to sail for Hispaniola, a mile utter weariness overpowered me, and having obtained a license to trade I and I fell asleep. CONTRACTORS | Estimates given on all classes took passage in her under my assumed I awoke much refreshed, having slept name of D'Aila, passing myself off as a many hours, for now the sun was setting, purchased goods to the value of 105 pesos, ing man, my companion in the canoe. and of such nature as I was informed were keeping watch over my sleep and warding most readily salable in the Indies, which the gnats from me with a leafy branch. merchandise I shipped with me. The ves- His kindness seemed to show that I was sel was full of Spanish adventurers, most- in no danger of ill treatment, and my fears was not difficult for me to pass myself off we were paddling up a smaller river than HEAD OFFICE. - HAMILTON, ONT. as one of their nation, and this I did, in the one on the banks of which I had been - \$1.250,000 venting a feigned tale of my parentage cast away and were no longer in the midst and of the reasons that led me to tempt of marshes. the seas. For the rest, now, as ever, I kept | On either side of us was open land, or

orgies, I soon became well liked by my than the largest oak, which grew upon JOHN STUART..... President. comrades, chiefly because of my skill in some of them of surpassing beauty. A. G. RAMSAY... Vice-President. | ministering to their sicknesses. tered on a Spanish slaveship, where I to the bark as moss clings to a wall. found refuge after the loss of the carak, their branches also sat harsh voiced bir and of her whose story I have long delay- place built of timber, and we disembarked, Montezuma's daughter. From the ed. Now it grew dark suddenly, and all power of De Garcia, for he was an officer I could discover was that I was being led special attention given to the collection

in that abominable slaveship, I escaped by along a good road. Presently we reached eaping into the sea. of Commercial paper and Farmers' In a drifting barrel I floated away when and the numbers of people who thronged the murderous slaves thought the sharks about it, I judged to be the entrance to a payable at all the were making food of me, and from death town, and passing it we advanced down principal points in Canada and United by starving I was spared through a fish a long street with houses on either side. that I snatched from the talons of a gull At the doorway of the last house my comand devoured raw. The hard wood and panion halted, and taking me by the hand iron bands of my tub shielded me from the led me into a long.low room lit with lamps teeth of a ravenous shark, and in it I float- of earthenware. Here some women came ed through the breakers to the shores of a forward and kissed him. while others, lowly lying land and into the mouth of a whom I took to be servants, saluted him great river. At length, when the barrel by touching the floor with one hand. Soon, ceived and interest allowed from date

I slid down from it, and wading to the many cager questions were asked of bank cast myself at length there to rest chief, of which I could only guess the purand thank God, who thus far had preserved port.

I was utterly outworn. We beg leave to advise our friends and a dreadful itch and pain that took me in known as Marina, the mistress of Cortes, every part till at length I sprang up and without whose aid he had never conque cursed in my agony. At first I was at a ed Mexico. But at this time she did PRICE loss to know what occasioned this torment guess that it was her destiny to bring her till I perceived that the air was alive with country of Anahuac beneath the cruel yoke

gnatlike insects which made a singing of the Spaniard. of other creatures no bigger than a pin's curiosity and to minister to my wants. head had fastened onto me like bulldogs to was she who brought me water to wash They are named garrapatas by the Span- fashioned of bright feathers for my shoulish, and I take them to be the young of the ders.

tick. Others there were also, too numero Butter and Eggs h

len to the size of a pumpkin by the venom of which a fire burned. Marveling what was in little better case. Moreover, I could and in honor of what faith it was erected, not keep myself still because of the itch-ing, but must run and jump like a mad-On the morrow I was to learn. man. And where was I to run to through Here it may be convenient for me to this huge swamp, in which I could see no state, what I did not discover till after-

With the gold and deeds I sent several death put an end to my torments.

had come to Spain, for I gathered that at the gnats which buzzed about my head. ception of a certain Aguilar, who, with others which I had sent had never reached Now the end was not far off, for I was ex- some companions, was wrecked on the England, and told them of my resolution hausted and near to falling, when sudden-coast of Yucatan six years before, I was

And here I may state that those letters first to the sea and then to my swollen for whose blood the gods were thirsting. that he had always thought well of me and lief from my intolerable itching and burnbissed his daughter wishing her is not be. They were black robes embroidered with his hand. Never shall I forget his wicked kissed his daughter, wishing her joy of her ing and, moreover, rendered my flesh dis mystic characters in red, and their long face, maddened with the lust for blood, or

keep it, for his honor is at stake. Now I other men came with me, for the canoe with a gentle face and manner, whom I took to be the chief of the party, sat down opposite to me, the other two placing themselves in the bow and stern of the boat, which they drove along by means c

rufflans of varied career and strange his- on that point being set at rest I began to tory, but none the less good companions wonder as to what strange land I had come enough when not in drink. By this time and who its people might be. Soon, how-

could speak Castilian so perfectly and ever, I gave over, having nothing to build was so Spanish in appearance, that it on, and observed the scenery instead. Now my own counsel, and notwithstanding my rather land that would have been open reserve, for I would not mingle in their had it not been for the great trees, larger

these trees climbed creepers that hung like Of our voyage to the Indies much could ropes even from the topmost boughs, and be written after the manner of sea tales, among them were many strange and gormost of all of De Garcia, whom I encoun- geous flowering plants that seemed to cling H. S. STEVEN.....Assistant Cashier. near the port of Santo Domingo. But I of brilliant colors and ages that barked of De Garcia in the land of Montezuma, new scene the canoes came to a landing

evil and good, and of my trials on account Just as the sun set over all this strange but in that hour I scarcely noticed it, have eration. The first person that I saw when a gate, which, from the barking of dogs

me miraculously. Then I staggered to my When all had gazed their fill, supper was feet and walked along the bank of the rive served, a rich meal of many strange meats, er till I came to a pool of rainwater, and of this I was invited to partake, which which on the tasting proved to be sweet I did, seated on a mat and eating of the and good. I drank, weeping for joy at the dishes that were placed upon the ground taste of the water, drank till I could drink by the women. Among these I noticed no more, and let those who have stood in one girl who far surpassed all the others such a plight remember what water was to in grace, though none were unpleasing to for no words of mine can tell it. the eye. She was dark indeed, but After I had drunk and washed the brine features were regular and her eyes fine. from my face and body and been thus re- Her figure was tall and straight, and the freshed I cast myself down to sleep in the sweetness of her face added to the charm shade of a bush bearing white flowers, for of her beauty. I mention this girl here for two reasons-first, because she saved When I opened my eyes again, it was once from sacrifice and once from tortur night, and doubtless I should have slept and, secondly, because she was none other on through many hours had it not been for than that woman who afterward became

noise, and then settling on my flesh sucked From. the moment of my entry I saw blood and spat poison into the wound at that Marina, as I will call her, for her Inone and the same time. These dreadful dian name is too long to be written, took insects the Spaniards name mosquitoes. pity on my forlorn state and did what lay Nor were they the only flies, for hundreds in her power to protect me from vulgar flesh, where in the end they cause festers, foul and tattered garments, and a cloak

shelter or sign of man? I could not guess, ward, that I was in the city of Tabasco, so since I must keep moving I followed the capital of one of the southern provthe bank of the river, as I walked disturbinces of Anahuac, which is situated at a distance of some hundreds of miles from Now, I knew that I could not live long in the central city of Tenoctitlan, or Mexico. such suffering and determined to strug- The river where I had been cast away was gle forward till I fell down insensible and the Rio de Tabasco, where Cortes landed letters, to my father, my sister, my broth- For an hour or more I went on thus till rather my captor, was the cazique, or chief, er, Dr. Grimstone, Squire Bozard and last- I came to a place that was clear of bush of Tabasco, the same man who subsequent-

"Others," I wrote to Lily, "may think color and clothed with white garments, the Indians. This Aguilar was rescued chance to lose a happiness which I desire them on the water were several canoes in all sacrificed to Huitzel, the horrible war your will. While De Garcia lives I must addressed me. I shock my head to show new nation of Teules, as the Indians named that I could not undersaind and pointed the Spaniards, and therefore as an enemy and everything else that I sent came safely features. They nodded, and going to one I awoke at dawn, much refreshed with of the canoes a man brought from it a sleep, and having washed and clothed my-

luck. In short, all were pleased except my brother who left the house without a west lossed back his brother who left the house without a west lossed back his edge, and also many hints as to the contractors in red, and their long lace, maddened with the glare in his eyes as he tossed back his duct necessary to my safety. In return I some strange substance. These men, whom matted locks. But he did not strike at all present, including the chief, or cazique, once; he gloated over me, pricking me with taught her something of my own faith and seemed to look on with the utmost rever- the point of his knife. It seemed to me of the customs of the Europeans, and it ence, glared at me with a flerce glee that that I lay there for years while the paba was the knowledge which she gained from quickly enough, counting its throbs aloud when I thought that my hour had come, ways of white people. erward I learned that he was saying that it, and I heard a voice whispering. I was very strong.

> pabas, as the Indians name them, and purpose. dragged from the room, all the household At length I heard footsteps and shut my At length, when full four months had following us except Marina and the ca- eyes, for I could bear the sight of that passed away, the messengers returned from zique. Now I found myself in a great dreadful knife no longer. But, behold! no the court of Montezuma, having been much square or market place bordered by many knife fell. Suddenly my hands were delayed by swollen rivers and other accifine houses of stone and lime, and some of loosed, and I was lifted to my feet, on dents of travel. So great was the impormud, which was filling rapidly with a vast which I never hoped to stand again. Then number of people, men, women and chil- I was borne to the edge of the teocalli, for dren, who all stared at me as I went to- I could not walk, and there my would be ward the pyramid on the top of which the murderer, the priest, having first shouted fire burned. At the foot of this pyramid I some words to the spectators below that was led into a little chamber hollowed out caused them to murmur like a forest when in its thickness, and here my dress was the wind stirs it, clasped me in his blood torn from me by more priests, leaving me stained arms and kissed me on the forenaked except for a cloth about my loins head. Now it was for the first time that and a chaplet of bright flowers which was I noticed my captor, the cazique, standing set upon my head. In this chamber were at my side, grave, courteous and smiling.

carved in stone, grinned at us through the come to a land of devils! with a copper ring in its center.

secured to the ring by a rope long enough their grip. stone and no farther. Then a flint pointed

bring them to face me again.

with them. Amid a great noise of music you and the priests." and chanting, he whom I had smitten was Now, when the cazique heard this he birth, as in our age, for you to salute me seized and dragged to the hog backed block saw that Marina spoke truth, and hurry-



Struck open the poor wretch's breast and made the ancient offering to the sun. themselves on the body, carried it with shouts to the edge of the pyramid, or teo-

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Scarcely was the first victim dead when the second was seized and treated in a like fashion, the multitude prostrating themselves as before. And then last of all made my blood run cold. One of them in. aimed and pointed with the knife, but at me which afterward made her so useful to

three other men-Indians-who, from the 'As he had smiled when he handed me to horror on their faces, I judged to be also the pabas, so he smiled when he took me back from them. Then, having been Presently a drum began to beat high cleansed and clothed, I was led to the above us, and we were taken from the sanctuary of the god Quetzal and stood chamber and placed in a procession of face to face with the hideous image there, many priests. I being the first among the staring at the golden censer that was to victims. Then the priests set up a chant, have received my heart while the priests and we began the ascent of a pyramid, fol- uttered prayers. Thence I was supported lowing a road that wound round and down the winding road of the pyramid round its bulk till it ended on a platform till I came to its foot, where my captor at its summit, which may have measured the cazique, took me by the hand and led 40 paces in the square. Hence the view me through the people who, it seemed

of the surrounding country was very fine, now regarded me with some strange vening no care for prospects, however pleas- we reached the house was Marina, who ing. On the farther side of the platform looked at me and murmured some soft were two wooden towers 50 feet or so in words that I could not understand. Then height. These were the temples of the I was suffered to go to my chamber, and gods-Huitzel, god of war, and Quetzal, there I passed the rest of the day prostrated tance that the emperor attached to the fact god of the air-whose hideous effigies, by all that I had undergone. Truly I had of my capture, and so desirous was he to open doorways. In the chambers of these And now I will tell how it was that tars were large dishes of gold, containing having taken some liking to me, pitied my the hearts of those who had been sacrificed sad fate, and being very quick witted she on the yesterday. These chambers, more- found a way to rescue me, for when

wheel, measuring some 10 feet across, evidently a Teule, and Montezuma would be angered indeed if I were sacrificed in All these things I remembered after- faroff town instead of being sent to hin Here a fore, for now the priests had got hold hide girdle was put round my waist and me, and it was hopeless to save me from

being their part to leap upon the stone and the useful arts, including those of govern mine to defend it. Now I thought that if ment and policy. He was white skinned I could kill these two poor creatures per- and dark haired. Finally he sailed from haps I myself should be allowed to go free. the shores of Anahuac for the fabulou and so to save my life I prepared to take country of Tlapallan in a bark of serpents men to attack me, but they were so lost in ous progeny. This promise was remem- of quilted cotton in place of the gold cui fear that they did not even stir. Then the bered by the Aztecs, and it was largepriests began to flog them with leather ly on account of it that the Spaniards of birds instead of the royal symbol. girdles till at length, crying out with pain, were enabled to conquer the country, for This was Guatemoc, Montezuma's nephthey ran at me. One reached the stone and they were supposed to be his descendants. ew and afterward the last emperor of Anleaped upon it a little before the other, Perhaps Quetzalcoatl was a Norseman ahuac. So soon as I saw him I saluted and I stuck the spear through his arm. Vide sagas of Eric the Red and of Thor- him in the Indian fashion by touching the instantly he dropped his weapon and fled, finn Karlsefne.] And it may well hap earth with my right hand, which I then no fight in them, nor would any flogging Will it please the god that his child should ing scanned me with his eye as I stood, be offered to him? At the least, if the bow in hand, attired in my simple hunt-Seeing that they could not make them god is not angered, Montezuma will cerer's dress, smiled frankly and said: brave, the priests determined to have done; tainly be wroth and wreak a vengeance on

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who gave me the name of Teule, or Spaniard, and no longer sought to put me to sacrifice. Far from it indeed. I was well clothed and fed and suffered to wander where I would, though always under care of guards who, had I escaped, would have paid for it with their lives. I learned that on the morrow of my res

cue from the priests messengers were dispatched to Montezuma, the great king, ac quainting him with the history of my cap ture and seeking to know his pleasure con cerning me. But the way to Tenoctitlan was far, and many weeks passed before the messengers returned again. Meanwhile l filled the days learning the Maya language and also something of that of the Aztecs. which I practiced with Marina and others for Marina was not a Tabascan, having been born at Painalla, on the southeastern borders of the empire. But her mother sold her to merchants in order that Ma rina's inheritance might come to anothe child of hers by a second marriage, and hus in the end the girl fell into the hands of the cazique of Tabasco.

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Also I learned something of the history and customs and of the picture writing of the land and how to read it, and, moreover I obtained great repute among the Tabas cans by my skill in medicine, so that in time they grew to believe that I was indeed a child of Quetzal, the good god. And the more I studied this people the less I could understand of them. In most ways they were equal to any nation of our own world of which I had knowledge None are more skilled in the arts: few are better architects or boast of purer laws. Moreover, they were brave and had patience. But their faith was the canker at 'the root of the tree. In precept it was noble and had much in common with our own, such as the rite of baptism, but I have told what it was in practice When I had lived a month in Tabasco.

I had learned enough of the language to talk with Marina, with whom I brow friendly, though no more, and it was from her that I gathered the most of my know! duot necessary to my safety. In return

while the other nodded at his words. Aft- a hand caught his arm in midair and held So I abode for four months and more in the house of the cazique of Tabasco, who What was said did not please the priest, carried his kindness toward me to the Glancing round to find the interpreta- for suddenly he howled aloud and made a length of offering me his sister in martion of this act upon the faces of those dash toward me to kill me, but again his riage. To this proposal I said no as genabout me, my eyes caught those of the arm was caught before the knife fell. Then tly as I might, and he marveled at it, for girl Marina, and there was that in them he withdrew into the temple of the god the girl was fair. Indeed so well was I which left me in little doubt. Horror and Quetzal, and for a long while I lay upon treated that had it not been that my heart pity were written there, and I knew that the stone, suffering the agonies of a hun- was far away, and because of the horrible even think, I was seized by the priests, or that my slaughter had been staid for this learned to love this gentle, skilled and in-



see me at his capital, that he had sent his own nephew, the Prince Guatemoc, to fetch me and a great escort

Never shall I forget my first meeting with this prince, who afterward became my dear companion and brother in arms When the escort arrived, I was away from the town shooting deer with the bow and arrow, a weapon in the use of which I had such skill that all the Indians wondered at me, not knowing that twice I had won the prize at the butts on Bungay common Our party being summoned by a messenger, we returned bearing our deer with us. On reaching the courtvard of the cazique's house, I found it filled with warriors most gorgeously attired, and among them one · more splendid than the rest. He was young. very tall and broad, most handsome in face and having eyes like those of an eagle, while his whole aspect breathed majesty and command. His body was incased n a cuirass of gold, over which hung a mantle made of the most gorgeous feathers, exquisitely set in bands of different colors. On his head he wore a helmet of gold surmounted by the royal crest, an eagle, standing on a snake fashioned in gold and gems. On his arms, and beneath his knees, he wore circlets of gold and gems and in his hand was a copper bladed spear. rass and a jeweled panache of the plumes "Surely, Teule, if I know anything of

the looks of men, we are too equal in our And I took it answering with the help

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