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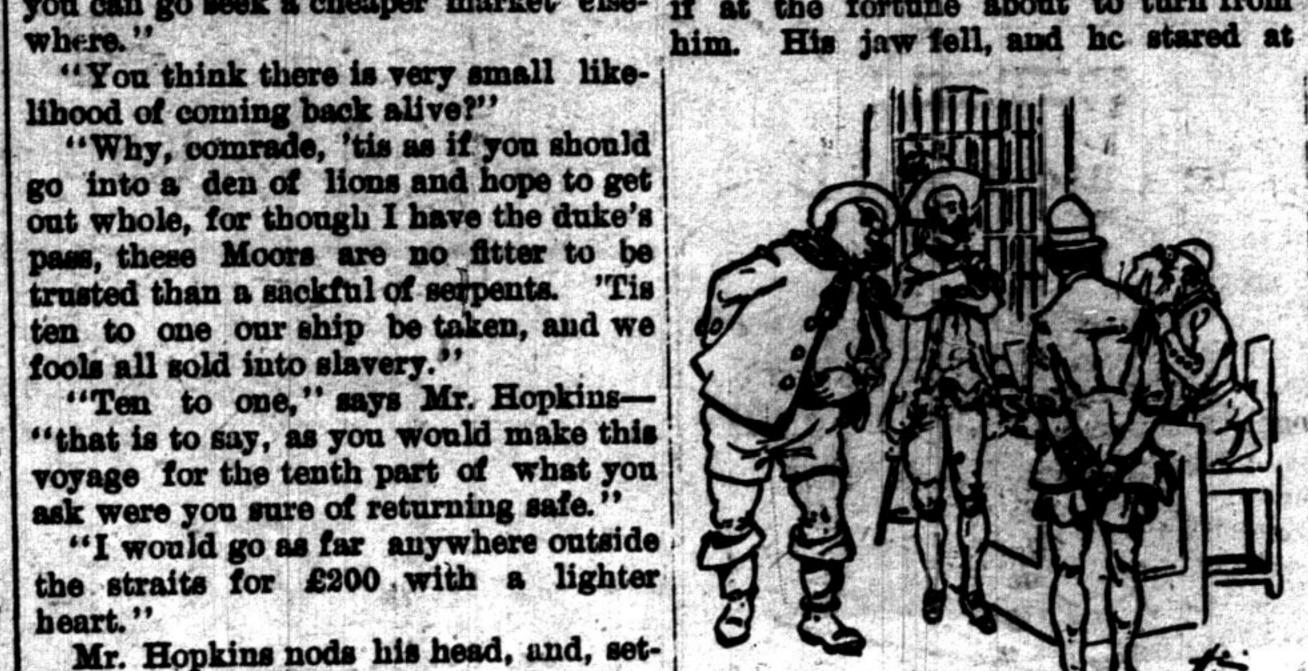
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"The bare outlay in hard money "If they succeed, it will cost your mistres at Robert Evans' own valuation (which Don Sanchez in bewilderment. I took to be a very low one), I must see getting the face to speak he gasps out,

still in a maze asks, "Art thou in thy "Mrs. Godwin's estate I know to be right senses, friend?" The don hunches his shoulders and "But who will promise me that re- turns to me, whereupon I set forth in turn?" asks Mr. Hopkins. "Not you?" pretty much the same words as Mr. (The don shook his head.) "Not you?" Hopkins used the risk of the venture, etc., to all which this Simon listened

risk. For full particulars call at the him a reasonable promise that this sum this terrible charge, for which your fine and are ready to put our hands to any gether, but must ever be doing some of this belief, but I felt pretty sure that again, thanking God I was no muleteer, shall be paid on the return of Mrs. God- park must be felled, your farms cut up bout you may choose to draw up."

thing new, had cut out her images and had she been riding betwirt us in her when in comes the don with a candle to

> fetching his hat and shawl from the "Nay," says Jack, "if you think £1, a breaking faith. Are you both agreed to would have her play it all over again. and if you can't settle this here busi- of 20 men, you may seek a cheaper mar- "Yes, senor," says I, "and my only chez, in a low voice of displeasure, ably fine weather, a blue sky and a stench of garlic, to eat a mess of soup ness in a week I'm off of my bargain ket and welcome, for I've no stomach to compunction now is that I can do so lit- drawing us away. "Here are a dozen bright sun above us, and at every turn very hot and comforting. And after that and mighty glad to get out of it so risk my life and property for less." the to forward this business."

> captivity. Tomorrow I shall show you And here Dawson and I were secretly gentlewoman should be of a more deli-shall leave here in the morning, and so that Dawson and I would gladly have for this service) are waiting for us, with y, captivity. Tomorrow I shall show you and here bawson and I well seeking to gentlewoman should be of a fine man and it would given up our promise of a fortune to two other mules belonging to our guides, given up our promise of a fortune to two other mules belonging to our guides, what kind of a fellow this steward is struck by his honesty in not seeking to cate, sickly composition than mine." you will meet me next at the Turk, in the steward is struck by his honesty in not seeking to cate, sickly composition than mine." How will suppose that Mrs. Godwin Gracious street, tomorrow afternoon." Have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner to the end of all very curiously trapped out with a have lived in this manner.

> Then presently, with an indifferent, by playing upon his parsimony and ava- "Aye to be sure. That simplifies the leaving us to shift for ourselves, and we hold all on this side of the Pyrenees Then when Don Sanchez had solemncareless air, as if 'twas naught, he gives rice. us a purse and blue us go out in the simon, putting it down in writing, that "The parts you have played today, victuals, both very silent and surly, bespanish posadas, that the people here we had persuaded him that it would be

OUR GENUINE Therewith Dawson gets him some sea- "But you say, friend merchant, that from Barbary." man's old clothes at a Jew's, and I a the risk is as seven to one against seeing "This hangs together and ought to

against our other necessities. And now, mine," says I.

"Aye, more like than not." Next morning off we go betimes, Jack more like Robert Evans than his

mother's son, and I a most seeming sub- is to be run again, and thus till all is good horses a long ride to Chiselburst. twixt two ways like one distracted, but her own name." a square, plain house, the windows all from the estate, save his yearly wage, come forward." barred with stout iron, and the most like and that no more than Sir Thomas had "You're in the right, senor.

are admitted by a sturdy fellow carry- draw out this money for her use he "Judith would probably know some- a-begging of sixpences like this!"

Godwin's behalf, that I may justify my But this Simon strongly refused to o. saving his conscience would not allow him to sign any bond (clearly with the hope that he might in the end shuffie out of paying anything at all), until Don Sanchez, losing patience, declared he would certainly hunt all London through to find that Mr. Richard Godwin who was the next of kin, hinting that he would certainly give us such sanction as we required if only to prove

This put the steward to a new taking, nt the don holding firm he at length greed to give us this note upon Don Sanchez writing another to the effect that he had seen Mrs. Godwin and her unghter in Barbary and was going forth to fetch them, that should Mr.

bled us then very little.

CHAPTER VI. On our way back to Greenwich we by shadow characters cut out of paper, looked at her. staid at an inn by the road to refresh the performer being hid by a board To see these grand airs of hers charmed I was awoke in the middle of the ourselves, and there, having a snug par- that served as a stage for the puppets. Jack Dawson. lor to ourselves and being seated about And who should this performer be but "You see, Kit," whispers he, "what commotion below of Spanish shouting In this and every town in the vicinity means of communicating with her. Not "Twenty-seven thousand pounds!" a fine cheese, with each a full measure our Moll, as we knew by her voice, and an apt scholar the minx is, and what an and roaring, with much jingling of bells, where there is not already an agent, to the steward—you have shown me that. he says again. "Why, friend, 'tis half, of ale, Don Sanchez asks us if we are most admirably she did it, setting all in obedient, dutiful, good girl. One word and looking out of the window I per-

mightily pleased as usual to be a feast- a pretty song for the maid in distress. gave her the last night we were at Ed- ing their goods to depart, with a fine every copy sold. No charge being find Thomas Godwin, put him in pos- "Tis in your power, Simon," says ing. "We desire nothing better than to We learned afterward that Moll, who monton." made for unsold copies. No possible session of the estate, and obtain from Don Sanchez, "to spare your honor faithfully in all ways could never rest still two minutes to— I would not deny him the satisfaction scarce had I turned into my warm bed

as a penny for our other uses, but he, "But if it may be done for a seventh of this kind would take.

"Why, then all is lost, and the peril we to do in the meanwhile?" "Educate Moll," answers the don. "She can read anything, print or father, and will not be spoken to save took off his hat to me), and on very In this manner did Simon halt be- script," says Jack proudly, "and write with becoming respect." "Why, I did but ask you where you,

gates, and bidding us look up a broad to me naught but profanity, his sole She would certainly remember some questions, but do as they're bid, and avenue of great oaks to a most surpris- concern being the gain of money. Then words of Italian. Consider this—it is there's an end of it." ing fine house he told us this was Hurst he falls to the old excuses Don Sanchez not sufficient merely to obtain posses- "La, I'm not to ask any questions. Is Court, and we might have it for our had told us of, saying he had no money sion of this estate. It must be held there anything else I am not to do?" own within a year if we were so mind- of his own, and offering to show his against the jealous opposition of that

don's long to the end of the earth than go another nys in this pitiless driving rain. To this

must give me a written note, stating alive) about 8, and pitch dark, we were gage, etc. "And let all you buy be good | Don Lopez makes us a reverence, and ou have shown, with your sane- greatly surprised that we could make goods," says he, "for in this country then, with his shoulders up to his ears

couple of spoons?"

his right to the succession should our

Thomas Godwin come to claim the es- "What," cries Jack. "You have filched And so this business ended to our ther, having turned the brutes into the by reason of his easy, graceful manner ommends us to take his way, especially tate he might be justly put off. great satisfaction, we saying to our- stable ourselves, to find never a soul in and his majestic, high carriage. selves that we had done all that man the common room or parlor, so that the On the last day of March we set forth will be the more practicable, as the same could to redeem the captives, and that place seemed quite forsaken. But hear- for Toulouse. At our starting Don San- guides who conducted him will be only it would be no harm at all to put a cheat ing a loud guffaw of laughter from be- chez bade Moll ride by his side, and so too glad to serve us on their return the upon the miserly steward. Whether we low we go down stairs to the kitchen, we, not being bid, fell behind, and, next morning. To this proposition we were any way more honest than he in which we could scarce enter for the feeling awkward in our new clothes, we very readily agree, and supper being shaping our conduct according to our crowd in the doorway. And here all might very well have been taken for ended Don Sanchez sends for the guides, inclinations is a question which trou- darkness, save for a sheet hung at the their servants or a pair of ill bred two hardy mountaineers, who very

Greatest Story Paper, by the week, win, who cannot be found? If," adds life of thrift and care and earnest seek. "Age, that we are," replies Dawson, joke, and enchanting 'em the next with ing, for all this comes of that lecture I in the courtyard and the muleteers pack-

E. BOUSFIELD your proposal more seriously. But till master here will fetch your mistress then I can do nothing."

| Bousfield enough when naught's to be gained by which pleased them so vastly that they We journey by easy stages ten days and in a little while we were all shiv-

"To the £1,500 you must add the "Why, so far as I can see into it," ing Moll as a marvel. Who can say but mire, no pleasure jaunt in the world but a faint flush of green and primrose "You see," says Don Sanchez when ransom of £2,000. Then Mrs. Godwin says Dawson, "one of us must be cast that one of them may know her again could have been more delightful. At color toward the east), where four fresh they were gone out of the room, "how and her daughter may be redeemed for for old Mrs. Godwin if Moll is to be hereafter to our confusion? We must every inn (which here they call hotels) mules (which Don Sanchez overnight impossible it is that Mrs. Godwin and £3,500 to her sowing of £23,500," says her daughter, and you're fitter to play be seen together no more than is necesthe part than I, for I take it this old sary until we are out of this country. I lent wine and were treated like princes, horses as being the only kind of cattle fit

thing mightily. But pray, senor, what into the parlor to warm our feet at the mountains in great contempt, saying ly debated whether we should not

BETTER THAN disguise was necessary to our purpose. he might the better realize his position. You go with me to fetch Judith Godwin with our day's jolting

"That depends upon accidents of pulling up a chair betwixt us, she asks turn up her nose at everything she was

'twould be more dishonest to go back me, friend sailor, that you stand in dan- "A year," says Jack, scratching his answer, she presently stops, looks first weeks before she had been drinking from this business than to go forward ger of being plundered by these infiwith it, lead us whither it might.

A year, says sack, scretching into a tone, then at the other, and, bursting penny ale with a relish, and that as sour penny ale with a relish, and that as sour as verjuice. And indeed she did carry ed upon coming to live like a lord in a sile row both to be so grampa?" few weeks. "And what on earth are alls you both to be so grumpy?"

And then coming to a monstrous fine only he did mingle a mass of sacred "Judith Godwin," says the don re- have been."

Your honor is not for taking us to I know but we may have never a spoon Spain. These were the first Spaniards tered and a thin gray light creeping

CHAPTER VIL

ome again and a long jog back noble town, but dirty, four days to re- him, and therewith

the innimited as do go in such fear of at some length, but this, being Spanish their seignours that they will charge is as heathen Greek to us. However

to pay." So not to displease him we dressed innkeeper can lend him, and so we, ourselves in the French fashion, more grinning to express our amiability, al. richly than ever we had been clad in sit down to table and set to-Moll with our lives, and especially Moll did profit her most finicking, delicate airs and by this occasion to furnish herself like graces, and Dawson and I silent as any duchess, so that Dawson and I frogs, with understanding nothing of ing he would certainly take exception turned chiefly on the best means of in her new equipment, he makes her a other.

as we have a young lady with us, which farther end, and lit from behind, on friends at the best, for our Moll carried readily agree to take us this way the which a kind of phantasmagory play of herself not a whit less magnificent than next morning if the weather permits. "Jack and the Giant" was being acted the don, to the admiration of all who And so we all, wishing Don Lopez a

a roar one minute with some merry from me is as good as six months' school- ceived lanterns hanging here and there

the don, lifting his eyebrows contemp- ants in the kitchen, and that the guests his daughter, all her father's preaching at once if we would reach Ravellos (our

fire till we may be served with some these hotels were as nothing to the awake Don Lopez to say farewell, and

very neat, presentable suit of cloth, etc., thy money again."

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amazing high spirits, and, all aglow amazing high spirits, and, all aglow amazing high spirits, and, all aglow amazing high spirits, and amazing high have none of it, but bade us keep it "Why, 'tis your risk, sir, and not many kinds," answers he. "We may us a dozen questions all of a string as offered and would send away a bottle very well stretch it out the best part of to where we have been, what we have of wine from the table because 'twas done, etc., since we left her. Getting no not ripe enough, though but a few "In the first place, Moll," says Jack, respect and humility were to be com-"I'll have you to know that I am your manded.

But it was pretty to see how she would unbend and become her natural self where her heart was touched by some tender sentiment, how she would park Don Sanchez staid us before the words with his arguments which seemed flectively, "lived two years in Italy." "Children of your age should not ask empty her pockets to give to any one from her horse to pluck wild flowers by the roadside, and how, one day, overtaking a poor woman carrying a child "Yes. I'll not have you playing of painfully on her back, she must have out toward the mountains, our guides books that we might see he had taken shrewd steward and of the presumptive Galimanfray to cook wenches and such the little one up on her lap and carry it leading, and we following as close upon ed.

Hence, at no great distance, we reach not one penny beyond his bare expenses heir, Mr. Thomas Godwin, who may stuff. I'll have you behave with more till we reached the hamlet where the their heels as our mules could get, but Well, and put 'em under your chair. Let me staid at St. Denys, and, going thence the reins, for these creatures are very there's Kit, who knows the language have no more of these galanty shows. the next morning, had traveled but a sagacious and so pertinacious and opina prison I and ever see. Here bon cancinez given min in his meeting. there's Kit, who knows the language when the least morning, man traveled but a sagacious and so pertinacious and opin couple of hours when we were caught ionated that I believe though you pulled ringing a bell, a little grating in the And on Don Sanchez showing Mrs. and can teach her that, I warrant, in no when we were caught ionated that I believe though you pulled basin of porridge, that you must go in a violent storm of hailstones, as big their heads off they would yet go their a-begging of sixpences like this!"

as peas, that was swept with incredible own way.

"Oh, if you begrudge me a little force by a wind rushing through a deep. Our road at first lay across a flat oold room, with not a spark of fire on says he: "If an accident befalls these "Why, Moll can play Kit's fiddle as pocket money," cries she, springing up, ravine in the mountains, so that 'twas plain, very wild and scrabby, as I im-

About 8 o'clock, as we were about to in a huge shower of fragments.

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him less for entertainment than if he Don Sanchez explains that our visitor is were a mean fellow who could ill afford excusing his appearance as being forced to change his wet clothes for what the

drew lots to decide which of us should the dons' conversation. This, we learn present the bill to Don Sanchez, think- from Don Sanchez after supper, has to our extravagance, but he did not so crossing into Spain, from which it apmuch as raise his eyebrows at the total, pears there are two passes through the but paid it without ever a glance at the mountains, both leading to the same items. Nay, when Moll presents herself town, but one more circuitous than the low reverence and pays her a most hand- Don Lopez has come by the latter besome compliment, but in his serious hu- cause the former is used by the mulemor and without a smile. He himself teers, who are not always the most pleaswore a new suit all of black, not so fine ant companions one can have in a danas ours, but very noble and becoming, gerous road, and for this reason he rec-

> good night, go to our several chambers. night, as it seemed to me, by a great



the hearth but a rew sames, no nangings two women ere they return to justify well as he."

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through it and gain a village which lay beast, and then through a forest of through it and gain a village which lay beast, and then through a forest of the windows, nor any ornament or me, how shall I answer to the next heir "But, above all," continues the don, none of it."

And with that she empties her pocket but a little distance from us. And here coarse oaks, which keep their leaves all comfort at all, but only a table and for this outlay? Verily," clasping his as taking no heed of this tribute to o dark. Moll's abilities, "Judith Godwin must on the chair, and out roll her sixpences, we were forced to stay all day by an- the year through, and here, by reason be able to read and write the Moorish together with a couple of silver spoons. other storm of rain, that followed the of the great shade, we went, not knoweadily. "What," cries Jack, after glancing bail and continued till nightfall. Many ing whither, as if blindfold, only we with my answer aptly as to their ways and hab. round to see we were alone. "You have others besides ourselves were compelled were conscious of being on rough, rising filched a couple of spoons, Moll?"

to seek refuge at our inn, and among ground by the jolting of our mules and the seek refuge at our inn, and among ground by the jolting of our mules and them a company of Spanish muleteers, the clatter of their hoofs upon stones; nose turning quite white with passion. for it seems we were come to a pass but after a wearisome, long spell of this "If I am to ask no questions, how shall leading through the mountains into business, the trees growing more scatall we had heard to their credit, we were all together, which was some comcould not admire them greatly, being a fort. From these caks we passed into a low browed, coarse featured, ragged wood of chestnuts, and still going up crew, and more picturesque than clean- and up, but by such devious, unseen besides stinking intolerably of gar- ways that I think no man, stranger to lic. By nightfall there was more com- these parts, could pick it out for himself pany than the inn could accommodate; in broad daylight, we came thence into nevertheless; in respect to our quality, a great stretch of pine trees, with great we were given the best room in the rocks scattered among them, as if some mountain had been blown up and fallen