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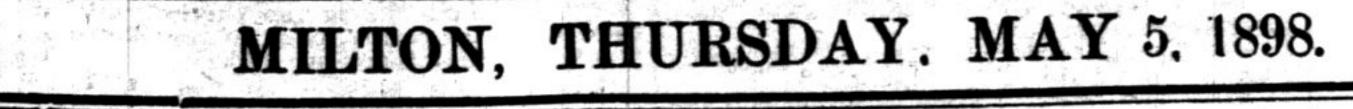
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The spume flakes flew up from my worn out with fatigue and fright and horse's mouth, wetting my face, and excitement. I was tired of being the I could feel the increasing heave of sport of destiny. To think of triumphby the Munyon Remdeles Have to sheer cruelty to goad him on. But a bootless strife? The cry of the sick what were considerations of cruelty to heart was the cry of the ancient Celt : three yards for his life? I was cruel Llywarch the night when he was as cruel could be, plying the long, brought forth! Sorrows without end sharp spurs as fast and as hard as and no deliverance from his burden." heel could drive them, in spite of the No deliverance from his burden! groanings and shakings of my victim. That was the sentence of old; it was doubting heart, and courage, even as a precious cordial to mind and body. be as a brother to this dread warrior So great was the strain of terror the sentence still. A galling struggle now! that it may well be imagined no fresh tragically relieved the momentary il- The courage was urgently needed the sea, and the distant mountains "Nay. Heaven forbid," exclaimed alarm could affect me. Yet when a lusions of hope and happiness, end- and screly tried not less by physical stood out a definite blue-black line Tabal, fervently. "I would not forvicious cry went up, as it appeared, at less humiliations, crushing defeat and than by mental ills. Every inch of against the pellucid western horizon. go my chances of paradise for all the my very ear, betokening, as I fancied, at least inevitable death. Yet it was my body was a burning ache. My Revived to a fresh interest in life, I favours Satan can bestow." the triumph of the Bedouins, I shut hard to die; hard to think calmly of wound pained me more and more. My began to consider the means of escape His horror was so comical that

> seemed an endless time, momentarily to feed on. I was not yet philosopher much as the remnant of a spittle was saddle. The question was which way sacred feelings. But happily Tabal expecting the thrust of cold steel in enough for that. come. I ventured to open my eyes, but sank deep between my knees in an went down my throat, scorching my nothing could have induced me to look agony of despair. The sun beat down llungs to their roots. I closed it, and an incandescent globe overhead. There ed to dart along my spine. stewed in my soaked clothes, as if dis- I was to die a raving maniac in the half so cruel as that slow process

ing upward, I saw a great glare in the pain, nothing to what I was al- radeship. the sky, as it were the reflection of ready suffering. pery hue took its place, this yielding saying to myself-no more; then ever-All the while the wind came screaming with unutterable horror. I was wondering the Almight, was clean against self

in spurts of even greater force and no, I could not do that; the canon what all this might mean, when there slaughter. Shaking like a leaf in burst upon my ear a great, prolonged gale, I fell prostrate on my face, and roar, as of a mighty flood lashed to prayed for strength and pardon. fury, and turning to the right-hand quarter, I saw a portentous black cloud rushing toward me with inconceivable velocity. The look showed me, too, that I was riding alone. The Bedouins had abandoned the chase and were now tearing off in another direc-

tion altogether. t had not taken in the situation when I was enveloped in darkness and ged his neck, and my mantle flew over my head. Well for me it did, for this was the dreaded simoon before which unable to breathe and in exquisite torture, my horse scudding before the

winds came again to unearth our been but for my own perversity.

I looked eagerly about for in my ears, were thriftly preparing for ed! No Bedouins in pursuit, no and calling from cragtops, their voices in sight, nor indeed any liv- blending in a far-off music with the The simoon had given me barking of dogs and the bleating

Now that the idea of it came to me, we made our beds, so must we lie. hope of life. Nothing else could save things I cherished were with Tabal and so that the blessed flood might enter

that the skin was empty. I peered ered and crushed) that Isabel had against future needs.

the disappointment of finding the skin

and lips. Oh! for a single drop, just story of Job :-

and for a place of refuge and for a covert from storm and rain. And again :out and streams in the desert. And yet again :-

It was surely enough. A prayer, O my eyes, with a creeping, shuddering one's own bones being picked by those head throbbed like a steam boiler, and from this wilderness, and so, having burst out laughing. Ordinarily I might

horror that made me give a little vultures which were already hovering lips and tongue were as if flayed and dressed my wound with wet rags, I have answered with my life for such scream. I rode in darkness for what above me in anticipation of a corpse laid on smouldering ashes. Not so climbed, not without difficulty, into the an insult, such an outrage on his most left to moisten them. Crouching on the sand, my head mouth, and a rush of blistering air as if the heavens were a vault of fire, the dry flesh cracked so that the blood and millions of quivering arrows seem- spurted out. Let the man who wo It was feed fat his revenge have his enen The thought broiling by the immitigable heavens. My poor horse was likewise in a far

thinking of Saul and his armour-bear- tongue protruded. Yet he remained as gested a portable vapour-bath, aim- who seemed to make himself respon-Look- sharp an instrument could cause lit- softly as if out of pure pity and com- it did much to soothe the throbbing he had passed the night like myself, I learned then that a man may take flaming sky was overcast, the shim-still a sharp, shooting pain, if I chanced rain, and was looking for human suclooked, the glare swiftly deepened, till his own life smiling. I turned the mering sand turned gray, and after to move unwarily. But the exeruci- cour when I spied him. We went it appeared the heavens themselves edge inward toward the throat, glad awhile dark clouds began to gather in ating stiffness that had made my leg through our perils again as old solwere on fire. Then the flery redness that I had found such easy means of the south. Then a tepid, relaxing useless on dismounting after the hunt diers re-fight their battles, and em-

deepening. tossed the sand spitefully in my face Another and another followed gray waste of burning sand, hot as the me tell you that the awesome sour marl that scorehed the feet of Satan of unshed silence is a thing to make Above was a ball of living fire, be-creep on the bones. I spoke to my low an arid, lifeless plain radiating a horse for the sake of company,

far away to the west dim, pale peaks The darkness was soon an ihky that might be the thin veil of dissolv- blackness. The sullen heavens were At that moment the heather about the sand, sending up volumes of dusty in return.

> first a shower and then a deluge. ing as at the blast of the last trump.

was established a mystic brotherhood the cardinal fact that beyond all doubt between me and the man of Uz. Un- Donald was in Arabia, that I had seen counted ages had rolled by since he him face to face, had even spoken to had suffered. In the interval things him and got a hurried glance in reply. vast and vital moment had come But for the sudden mishaps of war and gone, and been forgotten, but the would have declared myself to him, tragedy of the race went on. With and he would have become my friend a triffing outward difference, a mere and protector. In the most unexpectmatter of time and circumstance, Job's ed way my mission came near-a happy case was mine. Well, his afflictions accomplishment, yet, exasperating to were over long ago; mine also would think, had failed as utterly as if we soon end. And so, moralizing and had been as wide apart as the poles. turning the leaves, I came to the gra- The total failure on the verge of so dramatic a success was another cruel There shall be a tabernacle for a stroke of that malkious fortune that a spark of the fire that I had thought dead I told myself that I would not be

Donald Gordon was in Arabia, and would find him-nay, more, would carry him triumphantly! back to Scotland and his friends. As this bold, high project stirred me. I had a vision of a moment's mistrust, rushing to greet turned my brain. and embrace them. The delectable "Thou art telling me one of the panded inches on the strength of it. manner. "This passeth all belief." The morning broke sweetly over the "'Tis as true as the Koran. Taba!. The sand sparkled and gleamed like on the black horse."

Eastward, northward, south- was in a mood to forgive much because ward, the unbroken expanse of sand stretched till it melted into liquid blue "I will put cool water on thy hurt. started on our trackless path. For hours we plodded on through since the slight and the simoon parted sinking over the fetlocks, sometimes, He had his way, and indeed it was treading firmly on the crust, and al- exceedingly refreshing to be bathed ways going just as he pleased, for he for I was still more than a trifle fever-

and nostrils, and as burning fumes in Drawing my sword, I felt its edge, his head hung, and his black swollen again, and my steaming clothes sug- ly gentleness and compassion of Tabal By and by there came a change. The of the night's soaking and baking, had self doomed, had been saved by the bringing an electric sultriness in place There was no sign of life about save

After a little the here and there a fugitive jackal or more. hyena running with its head down and Not the least happy circumstance of The atmosphere seemed to have sud- its tail clapped tight between its legs, our meeting was that I got back my denly grown solid, and to be weighing or overhead a hawk or vulture sharply upon the world like a canopy of molten outlined against the sky. I judge these bag with Duncan's pipes. To Tabal lead. Breathing had been a difficulty gentry must have had a royal feast- the bag was an object of such intense before—it was a positive pain now. sent indeed that it would be many days ere curiosity that I had to produce the Kuram hath had immense tribute for My horse grew restive, snorting, paw- their gorging would be ended-and 1 pipes and give him a lilt. It scarce- rendering aid. Three times have they ing the ground, and sniffing at the far shuddered to think of the ravening darkness, now fast spreading and that went on among the slain on the horses, so the pipes were put away enriched themselves with great plun-It must have been noon, when I was of my mare. Before parting with her, sel's time to win." again broiling in the glow of the verti- however, Tabal must needs make as "That means that the enemy will made in its direction, quickening my all of which I heartily said "Amen."

orse to a canter, I drew rapidly near | dress of Fatima was over we squatted pains," returned Tabal, quickly. at length he halted abruptly, then after ed. To mak up for the shortness of to his feet, saying we must saddle up with both fear and gladness. If this sweeter than the choicest vintage of in his hands and could not dissent. a tilt for life, and I was but ill pre- It was again very hot. Indeed after two hours round the shoulders

bounded as the spurs went into his sides. The next minute Tabal and I The clotted outer edges were rink and rose, sailing on an inverted stunned by the exploding bolts, and broken appearance, different altogether It was as the vision of Dives when, forked lightning that made the wilder- ed it as gently and as well as was pos-"We are of different nations and re- dishcloths, our drooping horses in a savagely. ligions, yet surely we are not stran- lather. Nightfall found us still crawl- his friend. It was already cracking and spirit tell them of my condition? But with his nozzle turned to the pouring through thee. But henceforth it will

hurt. Tabal, the son of Achmet, swears when in my torments I panted And he took the oath in the most groaned. ed and poured. While it lasted I lay solemn manner known to his race. That done, he played the surgeon to to our joy there sprang up a delicious stretched full length on the soaking me. "Thou art lucky," exclaimed Ta- breeze that put new life into us. We for a mouthful of water as the sole bered that my pipes and some other sands, slowly turning over and over, bal, with professional pride, when I was were still wading in sandy seas, but me.

Eagerly pushing the dented sides of be skin about 1 looked in The dented sides of past happiness were not lost. Un- have too much of that, Heaven's gift, stripped. By my raith, the man who as little, and indeed there was urgent have too much of that, Heaven's gift, save thee this hurt knew not his need of speed, for in our condition anthe skin apart, I looked in. The daz- doing the folds of my dress, I drew and I would not miss a drop of it. business, or thou mightest cast away other day like the last would clean finzled eyes saw only a vacant black- forth my mother's Bible, and with it Nor, while revelling in the shower bath, thy leg forever. Methinks if I had ness. Merciful heaven, it could not the two white roses (now : adly with- did I forget to fill my water-skin my weapon upon him as he had his

"He was clumsy, Tabal," I said. "Clumsy," repeated Tabal, scornfulpounce upon me, but somehow they ly. " Nay, it does not half express make an end of one whom thou hast unsaddling and tying the horses' fore weak from fatigue and would be at a



The next minute Tabal and I were hup

ing at The Elms, and of Isabel, after thinking, I suspect, that suffering had imagination inspired me with such tales of the magicians," he said, with heart and energy that I must have ex- something of awe in his voice and waste, with a rosy flush, and a sap- I answered. "Look you here, before phire radiance, and a balm that was thou art many weeks older thou shalt

To the said, as tenderly as if he were treat freshed we will talk of our adventures

uberance of joy at being together once

little Fatima and the precious blue ly ravished him, and it frightened the levelled the palace of Yumen Yusel and that I might take formal possession der. Now methinks it is Yumen Yutress, dwelling with rapturous phrase on her beauty, her fleetness, her have them victorious without reaping dauntless spirit in time of trouble. Fortunately Tabal had some dates-

was small, and it was extremely But doubtful w it could be replenish- expression of incredulity and jumped

with the that our best hope lay in the Koor Ali, sleeping like a cherub.

CHAPTER XXII. BEDOUINS.

With darkness it became cooler, and the about his left arm, as a sort of to tread more lightly and firmly, ever, ere we had climbed far enough and desireth not any sympathy at thy to feel safe for the night, or perhaps hand. I was eager to meet thee feet to prevent them from wandering, sore disadvantage. I will give thee a

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a moment's examination came gallop- rations, we had a double pull at the and get to the green valleys and rushing to meet me. My heart beat quick water skins, and the cooling draft was ing streams that were ahead. I was We had travelled slowly for perhaps pared for battle, but if he should prove the rain the heat seemed intenser than bluffs and about crags and rocks and The pungent streams were on the brink of dizzy precipices and was giddy to think of the bare possibility. trickling into our eyes and mouths, and oxer rubbly hills, when all at once we On I galloped and on he galloped. I coursing down our backs and arms came upon a spot of such verdurous should both have been butted beneath and an aching neart, borne to my ears the long roll of ina wreath of sand, to lie there until the hear but thought bitterly of what might have cipient thunder. A few minutes later saw him whirling his lance, and aland legs as if we were patent selfbeauty it might have been the veritpitch of his voice, he put his horse were with a vengeance, but the mois- at one corner, where there was a nar-The storm passed on like a solid was in Iuli bloom, making the steam.

Wall, and as if by magic the atmos- ar a distilled essence of honey, and I got to my feet with joy unspeak- to the charge. That rather startled ture could not possibly last long. I row gate-like opening. As soon as wall, and as it by magic the atmostation and as it by magic the atmost the phere cleared, though I could still see the bees, with the drowsy song that able. Praise be to Heaven, my cry me, and making off with all possible Tabal, feeling that he must soon be it might be inhabited, whispered to me the black line of the whirlwind far had so often been a scothing melody for help had been heard and answerwhen my courage had all but ebbed, was swiftly undergoing the same pro- horse went stealthily forward and is an insignificant atom in the scale of I recognized a familiar face. Then I, cess of desiccation. A little while and peered over the breastwork of rock in too, shouted wildly and my horse there would not be a drop of liquid in front of us. Returning, with gestures for silence, he took charge of the The rate at which we were dis- horses and I went softly to spy. Climb Here were the streams of water in the sides. The hugging and embracing like long solving to hard fibre made it desirable ing the parapet I looked cautiously desert sent for me and for me alone. Were hugging and embracing like long solving to hard fibre made it desirable ing the parapet I looked cautiously separated brothers, both of us having to get out of the glare of the sand down the other side, and there, to my I wept with awe and gratitude.

Separated to the ground in order to get as quickly as might be. Tabal agreed amazement, was Ahmed, the son of The rain came thicker and faster, leaped to the ground in order to get as quickly as might be. Tabal agreed amazement, was Ahmed, the son of You may be sure we had each a hills to the west, and we accordingly Motioning to Tabal to remain still, made in their direction. If nothing ran quickly to the entrance, went in better, their rocks and chasms would and then crept along the base of the at least afford us shelter from the rock, intending to give Ahmed a fine surprise. Reaching him on tiptoe. tickled him under the chin with my

He sprang up, as if I had pierced him with a spear, a moving spectacle of ferocity and fear, and drew his dagger, which was his sole "Thou art no friend." he returned. and not let thee call thyself my friend. With that he wrapped his torn man-

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Dismounting and looping the bridle leaping down green and purple over my arm, I walked a little bit, sides, and over all was a soft blue sky shaking loads of sand from the folds with masses of cool white clouds. of my dress. My right leg, however, was so sore and stiff that I was soon of imagination! Many and many a head seemed to be cracking and rend-multitude of questions to ask and ancompelled to sit down, though it was time in the languorous summer days long time before I had any heart have laved my bare limbs in those pel- And indeed to me it was little sufficient command of my nerves to of silvery in and scale as the trout and water was life. The thunder roarexamine the wound, I found myself darted under bank or stone, and lain ed ever nearer and louder till worlds deadly. Baring his left shoulder very with an ugly gash in the right thigh, on my back in some shady place look- of wrecked matter seemed to be carefully, I found a shattered gunshot from the donths of which blood still ing up at grown floats to be deadly. from the depths of which blood still ing up at snowy fleets, touched with crashing over my head. My ears were wound that gave the flesh a torn and fast hardening and stiffening, so that ocean. And to think of all that now! on my face I felt the hot smack of the from the clean cut I had got. I dress-

for surgery. When at length I got lucid waters and watched the flashing than a resurrection. Here was water, Perhaps it was because attention raising his eyes from his place of tor- ness as a sea of fire. But through it sible with the means at my disposal, loose, hot, unshadowed sands, the pain grew cruelly intense. was directed to my hurt that it be- ment, he beheld the felicity of Lazarus. all the beneficent rain came down in a service for which poor Tabal was water bottles constantly at came all at once so sensitive, but the Peace brooded like a guardian spirit sheets, drenching me not merely to the infinitely grateful. sides, I was in a raging fever of thirst. ate souls there were the blither be- my baking throat, and as I drank, gers," he said, embracing me again. ing on, silent, weary, and in much ings of thy foul mouth into my face, smallest movement now caused a pang over Kilgour and The Elms, amid their skin, but to the very marrow. With bow, and I reached for it in hope of prosperous. Would no sympathetic fevered drunkard, I could see my horse shrivelling in the furnace-like heat, but their ignorance was part of my pun-skies, as if he, too, were having a be turned against him who seeks thy there was a chance that some of the ishment. I had once been in pars - saving draught.

precious contents might still remain. dise, too, and fell by rebellion. As

deeper and deeper. My vision must back with as tender a correct read Now and again I had glimpses of the kites and hyenas."

be at fault, for if I did not see water ware continue before a caress as if they crouching forms, with eyes that De at tault, for it I did not see water were sentient beings capable of feeling matched the lightning, ready to mud, the refuse of some well trampled into foulness by struggling, perishing they would be found next to feel safe for the night, or perhaps alone. and, lo! here thou art, and we to foulness by struggling, perishing my heart, evidence of at least one into foulness by struggling, perishing they would be found next too, were wheeling things that would thee as dead as a coasted kid. I hold midnight I swore I would go no far- will fight."

men and beasts. The skin dropped foith kept to the bitter and the bitter from my nerveless fingers, and the faith kept to the bitter end; and, who swoop down and then dart off, with a the fellow in centempt." oosy sediment came dribbling out. Be- knew, some good angel might whisper cry of disappointment at finding the "Because, my good friend, he did not sa fore I knew what I was about, I was to Isabel, in a dream, that far off and expected corpse a living man. sucking it for dear life, but it stank in his last dire extremity somebody's In the early morning the storm died sworn to cherish and protect?" so poisonously that I had to spit it soldierly zeal selves on the pensive gloaming, talline, dewy azure that was as the ly, seeing whither his soldierly zeal selves on the ground to sleep. so poisonously that I had to spit it thoughts had gone forth to her. And away, and the stars came out in a cryssort was too precious to be wasted, so when the mind roams, she might Not daring to sleep, I lay and looked Praise be to heaven thou art alive. I in our faces, greatly refreshed though If after that thou be of a mind to Not daring to sleep, I lay and looked Praise be to heaven thou art alive. emptied the trickling mire upon my think, in spite of the grandeur and up at them, meditating at the marvels meant that he knew not how to drive stiff and sore in the regions of our fight, I may gratify thee. Meantime upon my think, in spite of the grandeur and up at them, meditating at the marvels meant that he knew not how to drive stiff and sore in the regions of our fight, I may gratify thee. Meantime

CHAPTER XXI

DESPAIR AND HOPE.

as a kind of a screen, but while it miti-

gated the blaze of the sun it smothered

How vividly it all rose before the eye

Getting back to my crouching pos

I bandaged the wound—that is to and I thrilled eerily at the thought black horse was none other than he. not I should enlighten him. Then I I asked Tabal what he thought "I are in need of no more rest," he say, I bound it roughly with a rag that it was in this scorched land black horse was none other than he. What in the name of all the wonders said very quietly. "The man on the result of the battle we a rag that it was in this scorched tand place in the name of all the wonders said, very quietly, "The man on the would be the result of the battle we answered, gruffly.

But where I was now lying, under these What in the name of all the wonders said, very quietly, "The man on the would be the result of the battle we answered, gruffly. tern from my long arab shirt. But were burning my life had brought him to this strange quar-what mattered it whether it was at- very skies that were burning my life had brought him to this strange quar-black horse is as much Satan as thou had fought and lost. out, that Job had groaned in bitter- ter of the globe, and how came he to art, my good Tabal. Listen, and I will "The ravaging of the whole country

Is an manking are one in distress, the perhaps I did not try very hard to an meeting in the battle. He listened "Amood Sinn hath fattened and grown he growled."

It was to be a listened "Amood Sinn hath fattened and grown he growled."

The barbarian Immediately there swer them, for I was occupied with with wide eyes and gaping mouth, large on his neighbours, and Abou

baking wound, rubbing it in with my happiness that were sure to be her they must have seen in the course of his spear. See," and he made a thrust wounds. Our first act was to scramble put up thy dagger." finger as a smearer rubs his tar into lot, of one whose lonely grave she the countless ages. But though my with his own to show how the thing to the top of an adjacent crag and He kept his blazing eyes on me for the smearer rubs his tar into lot, of one whose lonely grave she the countless ages. But though my with his own to show how the thing to the top of an adjacent crag and He kept his blazing eyes on me for the smearer rubs his tar into lot, of one whose lonely grave she the countless ages. But though my with his own to show how the thing to the struction we looked the space of perhaps half a minute could never know, and whose love was thoughts were serious enough (and ought to be done. "Methinks that is reconnoitre the situation. We looked the space of perhaps half a minute, I cannot say that the application in the least assuaged the pain. And the disappointment of finding the skin I had leisure to ponder many things ed, reverently, "and it maketh me glad see, but nothing living was visible save ground without a word. The Bible I opened at random and, besides the stars—such as the strange to be with thee. Verily I am thy flocks of ravenous birds going to and Tabal came down with the horses lo! there lav before me the wondrous fate that had led me hither, the perils servant to do as it pleaseth thee to bid fro between the mountains and the and the dates, and Ahmed was in-Oh! for a single drop, just of Job:

If the description of Job:

And now my soul is poured out upon torture. Worlds upon the the days of affliction have taken of my late companions, and my own hold upon me.

The description of Job:

And praise be to God and the scene of the battle. Finding ourselves and the dates, and Ahmed was inscription our between the mountains and the scene of the battle. Finding ourselves we descended, watered ourselves and now my soul is poured out upon the taken of my late companions, and my own having our bones grawed by wild having below to graw by the first our bones grawed by wild having by the first our bones grawed by wild having by the first our bones grawed by Boild upon me.

So my dim eyes read. But I knew present condition. But as you may beasts. Saw you ever such a slaughter spring, and breakfasted on half a power, and I would not let his petuthe moving drama by heart; long ago, imagine the subject that was upper- as that was? Truly I think the man a daisy at dawn, and worlds upon the moving grams by near; long ago, mand was the miraculous on the black horse is none other than done, we lay in the shade of a rock to when he had finished our dates, "I worlds could not have purchased it amid happy domestic scenes, it had most in my mind was the miraculous on the black horse is none other than and for the hand finished our dates, "I said. is to And I thrilled eerily at the thought was convinced that the man on the For a moment I wavered whether or cuss our adventures and prospects.

"Nay, nay," answered Tabal, quick- we had another drink, and threw our- share of my food; it is not much, but

be fighting for Yumen Yusel? These tell thee a tale," and I told him of my by Yumen Yusel and the man on the tween usin distress, the were questions I could not answer, search for Donald Gordon and the black horse," he answered, promptly. "It was thou put disgrace on me,"