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Ayer's Pills aid the actile suspicious and just a little suspicious of having shown too much confidence in the carpenter, we strolled forward, and there leaning shows they came like ghosts or seeing Ah Yon lingering in one corner, two boatmen. Friends, you under-

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backed up by an excellent maxim and almost fancied I could hear the walling one for which I duly notched a point in of ghosts in the mists of the river. favor of Mr. Koon-Si, may be at once With an exclamation of anger I shook admitted, and I could discover no rea- the cold claw from me and drew back son why such excellent advice should a pace. Mr. Koon-Si smiled, and I was not be followed up. Nor could my un- fearful lest he should understand the cle, when put to the test, though he movement. What's to become of the needed no spur to his endeavor. His white man's dignity if he allows a one object in life was to stand face to heathen to frighten him in this fash-

"That's all very well," said Jim, who. Well, the next morning we were up however much the carpenter may have betimes and away, and once more impressed him, showed no sign of it Koon-Si lived a man apart along with "but we haven't heard his death wail the cooling. We know he was abound the coolies. We knew he was aboard, yet, and I should like to know how you and that was all. It would bave puz- intend that we shall bear it." zled the keenest spy of the society to "Excellency, the future is in the discover any connection between us hands of the gods, and who am I that and the slit nosed rascal forward. I should say them yea or nay?" Koon-Si evidently knew how to meet "My worthy Koon-Si, the future is cunning with cunning, and I felt glad also somewhat in our hands. How that we were in the hands of such a know you that the gods have not chosen us as instruments of their pleas-

in the house of my illustrious cousin ing the island of Ching-hi. 'It is even possible that my distinguished relative

avenger, too, I was glad that he

"You have news?"

"To whom?" asked the carpenter, abreast of Ching-hi."

bonored us with the usual stolld stare of the oriental, made some remarks un-"Always," answered Jim grimly. Intelligible to us, but in no way evinced a flattering curiosity. ly to join his ancestors."

pursuing his way for some distance This was rather an unhappy remark than the island of Ching-hi and that much, endured much degradation, but through a long, shambling street he and one I am sure which neither Jim they wandered there at large. Ching- the gods are wise, and in their bands suddenly branched off to the left, and hor I appreciated. And yet that's what hi and Kung and the society, what a is vengeance." presently we found ourselves before a it looked like. For what other reason black world of thought those three "Good, And how?" house, upon the door of which the car- had we come? I had no wish personal- words conjured up! It seemed to me "Now, excellency, with the aid of

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look closely before discovering the slit, had also given him a start. "So he is offered no contrast to the surrounding, there?" offered no contrast to the surrounding ugliness of his compatriots.

"Was there, excellency. Where he is said. "He is shrewd and may be of esteemed presence in Hankow—would pricked up my ears and listened still."

ed from his countrymen he gave no "Then," said Jim, "you seem to have and You bowed humbly. The carpen- Shortly after breakfast Koon-Si came with the swing of the big steering nightmare. I confess that my nerves sign of recognition. This, however, led us on a pretty wild goose chase. ter was a man who meant to be obey- and helped us to dress in our Chinese scull aft. Then the thought of the were strung to an acute pitch, that and that was enough. The fact that he "We shall see, excellency, and if, as I who had been accustomed to rule men. even to a big cooly hat and pendent who was working it, and Mr. Ah Yon and incongruous things. The knew! The Traders Bank kept below for the rest of the journey believe, the virtuous are rewarded up truth to tell, I had long marveled at was pigtail, had been provided. But it was immediately stoor the depths to which my father must newertheless a long and dreary day we eye. kept below for the rest of the journey believe, the virtuous are rewarded upTruth to tell, I had long marveled at pigtail, had been provided. But it was immediately stood before my mind's edge that one was entirely in the hands ly. We were quite satisfied that our end of Kung is close at hand. From have sunk before he had taken as a colspent shut up in the back parlor of the Ever on the alert and but sure of one was not conducive to the tranquilles. confidence had not been misplaced.

the birth to the death of an old man is league this degraded looking creature, illustrious consin. I thought the sun thing, that the unexpected always happened one was not conductive to the transquinter thing. The man it seemed in the sun thing that the unexpected always happened one's mind. To me it seemed in the sun thing that the unexpected always happened one's mind. The journey northward proved en- a long journey; but, excellency, it ends but something in that momentary flash would never set, and when at length pens, I instantly made up my mind though I wanted to see something tirely barren of incident, and in due at last. So is it with the evildoer. He of authority revealed another Koon-Si, the shadows did begin to fall I seemed that Ah Yon was signaling me, and Hitherto we had been groping in the course of time we arrived at Shanghai. goes his way and wounds and riots and one who had not always been a sawyer unable to realize it. The carpenter had further to test the truth of this surder, and I yearned for the light. Here, that very night, Ah Yon brought strikes terror throughout the land, but of wood. It was a strange country we paid us two or three short visits during in the flap at the Yet I could not do less than admit my uncle a letter, which, he said, had his day dawns and his sun sets, and were in, and the people about us were ing the day, but he had nothing to re-back of the little cabin and looked out, that in Koon-Si we had a marvelous been left at the hotel by a messenger behold there is nothing for him but worthy to inhabit it. It might even port. Ah Yon, who had been dispatch. Ah Yon's face was but darkly seen, auxiliary and one without whom the second and the

and which upon opening we found was darkness evermore! So shall it be have been interesting to know what ed on a scouting expedition, was not yet his figure stood out distinctly, a would have been quite impossible to was, very short and very untidy, but it ry, his eyes shall fail him, and he who At all events, despite his evident until and I had nothing to divert ground of the sky. As he saw me he indeed, but for the hint my father gave conveyed the information that the has made many tremble shall tremble willingness to go. Ah You marched off, us but our own thoughts, and if mine stooped, his finger to his lips, but at of seeking out the carpenter I now saw steamer Chungking would leave early himself at last. Like a cold north wind Koon-Si promising to be back in a few might be accepted as a criterion of his that moment the voice of Koon-Si was that our visit to China would have General Banking Business Transacted. on the following morning for Hankow, the end shall come swift upon him, and minutes. Jim looked at me and I at they were not such as men gladly well-heard, and You immediately stood up been dangerously abortive. Faithfully this ship, for not a moment should be He stopped and with a horribly fa- terance to the thought which was up- draw to a close, and when the dark and somewhat excitedly, I thought, the was ungrateful in the extreme to with-

lost in the pursuit of our mission. He miliar movement laid his hand upon permost in his mind. An unaccounta- had come Koon-Si entered with the man who had been keeping the lookout hold from him the praise which was so welcome information that it was time forward came and took Yon's place, the justly his due. to start. Our small preparations were latter scrambling forward in turn. Presently the leaders of our little parhurriedly made, and we quickly fol- Then for a space there was peace on ty stopped. There was a burried whisthe boat, and we swung on, on.

"He will meet us at the boat. Too occurrence a little strange, a fuller this time more slowly and carefully. many going together might excite sus- mental investigation failed to lay bare instinctively I ocept closer to Jim and A wonderful fellow was the carpen- meant to communicate with me was danger seemed to lark in the very air, ter. He seemed to think of everything, obvious, but that his communication and my nerves were strong to the lagh-And, though personally I did not like was of any moment it would be diffiest pitch of intensity. However, noth-

to shade the face, and in this manner more out of it than I. Among friends dilapidated pagoda we had seen from we pursued our way without raising the uttered word is not always big the river. remarks or any undue curiosity from with meaning; the word unuttered is Toward this our guides led us, and as the passersby. Koon-Si led us swiftly easily forgiven. and silently along, having previously No incident of any importance mark- while my eyes were fixed with all incautioned us not to speak; for, as he ed the continuation of our journey. It tensity upon it I received a violent said, the very streets have ears and was long and dull to a degree, and the blow on the back of the head, which It seemed to me that we were taking Koon-Si, whom we importuned with Of what followed I have but a vague a direction contrary to that from which queries as to distances, etc., was the recollection. "Nay, excellency. I know not. It As soon as it saw Koon-Si it welcomed we had come, though this was no cause invariable reply, "Presently," Every- I saw, as if in fancy, the quick rush

may be even as you say; the gods move ble depression seized me, and I'm miles below the town. Nevertheless it a fuller answer we were forced to pos- fused murmurs as of many voices: I for wonder, as the island was some thing was "presently," and for want of of figures here and there; I heard conmysteriously. If I could only think so, afraid my face showed it. Nothing was anything but a pleasant journey, sess our souls in patience. "First meet him, my illustrious carpenter. Tell me, what are your plans?" the hands of this carpenter.

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was clear. We were the conditionally and a nearest a sign of teller as the plantage of the planta was clear. We were like children grop- and I heaved a sigh of relief as we But at length the apparently intermistrong fingers about my throat, and "Tomorrow we shall be in Hankow, "I agree with you," said Jim, to gling streets which denoted the outin the country of Kung, one might say. whom I had expressed these doubts. skirts of the town. These in turn gave pushed his face into our cabin and The utmost vigilance will be necessary "but it is fairly evident that without place to still more open country, and said: "We have arrived, excellencies."

him we should be more in the dark presently we began the descent of a Look, yonder is the island of Ching-hi." "I have arranged all that. We shall fellow, but what of that? He is in the I could detect the sparkle of water. I could scarcely distinguish the land, it or a day (I had lost count of time). I than ever. I admit that I don't like the slope, at the bottom of which I thought We looked, but for some little time which might have been an hour after hope few people will be about. Your to be a shrewd and a masterful man, "Yes," answered Koon-Si. "Here we like a dark exhalation from the bosom and for awhile wondered what had excellencies will follow me from the and he is absolutely necessary to us. can embark with perfect safety, as we of the river, and I felt a strange thrill happened and where I was. But the ship, but without speaking. You may Beyond that I do not trust him. When are some distance below the town." play about my heart. This was the isbring your servant with you, as he the pinch comes, you may be sure that He led us on for another hundred land of Ching-hi; this, for the nonce, buzzed painfully awoke me to a reality may be useful. I have a cousin in the pinch comes, you may be sure that the led us on for another number and of Chingent, this, for the nonce, he will fight only for his own hand. yards or so along the water's edge, and was the home of Kung; here it was I of my position, and with horror I real.

The entrance of Koon-Si, a bundle he uttered the cry of a night bird. At a word from Koon-Si the sail was —the run down the river, the landing under his arm, here cut short any fur- Waiting a little while, he signaled lowered, and slowly we began to drift on the island, the march and the blow ther conversation. He was smiling again, but this time the cry was varied, down upon the fand. The carpenter from behind which had laid me low. pleasantly and seemed in the best of there being three distinct calls. Almost came and leaned over the tilt and held Who could have done this? Where immediately a sound like an echo came a hurried conversation with the steers. was I now? And Jim-what of him? which lay like a cloak upon the river, island. This, thanks to the current questions ran like lightning through I saw a darker shadow emerge, and which about here, where the waters my brain, and to each of them my

former idea, "why does your cousin wind is fair, and the current is strong. this we steered. The boatmen, if not the blow, too, had surely come from In two or three hours we shall be Koon-Si, appeared to know the lay of those whom I had looked upon as tence and the horror of being depend. turning upon me with an amused The boat was steadled for us, and we men who live on ships seem to com. or had I really seen one? instantly scrambled aboard. The car- mand we made our way without mis-"Why, to the authorities, of course. penter followed, one of the men shoved hap. Once in still water, the oars were and I almost wished that he would dis- You say they would give much to se- off, and presently we were spinning again brought into requisition, and "True. But you must not forget that Jim and I sat in the little cabin aft, a the bottom. Then the carpenter slipped ing we arrived at Hankow, and in ac. Kung is the bend of a society which structure with which every Chinese overboard and held the boat while Jim cordance with our prearranged plan embraces all ranks. The very official sampan is rigged. Koon-Si sat on the and I leaped ashore, a feat we accomtain, but she plodded her way up the cordance with our prentunged plan to whom you confided your secret after thwart, facing us, and seizing an plished for the mere wetting of our great river with commendable dignity, the ship, our invaluable Ah Yon bring would probably be in the employ of the boots. Koon-Si immediately joined us. forms of Se and one afternoon the gallant skipper ing up the rear with our few worldly very man you wished to denounce. bench forward also tugged like a gal- "At last, excellencies," he said, "we became the state of the state possessions in a vallee. Fortunately Then for you the end is not far off, ley slave. A second sat still forward are on the island of Ching-hi. He whom of price, one package \$1, six, \$5. One will please of him and kept a good lookout. Ah

down-the dark river, and if the pecul- Thanks to you, we have accomplished "That which will send Kung hurried- effect on me it is small cause for won- possible journey. I think we have not iar conditions were not without their what at one time seemed to be an im-Koon-Si in the meantime marched "Good. You are brave men. Brave I felt keenly that this was no occasion "Relieve me, excellency, you have not steadily ahead, turning to the right up- men are dangerous. You have come far for the use of idle words. I knew that come for nothing, nor have I. I have his thoughts had trayeled no farther waited long for this. I have suffered

penter knocked somewhat anxiously, ly to kill Kung, and yet I knew rather as though the whole misery of life was these worthy boatmen, who know of and I saw our guide give two or three than let him escape I would bring him concentrated in them, and as the boat the habitation of Kung and his manner uneasy glances over his shoulder as down. But I always had the vague sort rushed on and on, swinging blindly, as of living, we will make our way to his though he feared the neighbors in the of hope that something would inter- it were, toward destiny, I thought of abode. What shall follow we know street. Then there was an unbolting of vene and that the law would ultimately Cecil, of my sins and of such things as not, but this we do know: It is already face appeared in the aperture caused Jim, however, evinced no squeamish event is foreshadowed. Truly we were With that the boat was drawn up out

by the gradual opening of the door. It ness. The deadly determination of the in the hands of fate, and I prayed and of the current, and, looking cautiously about, though I could distinguish little "Have we not good cause?" he said. ing of the waters, the rising and falling Then began a whispered consultation welcomed him with a smile, and while "Aye, many of us have good cause," of the oars, the dirgelike soughing of between the carpenter and his associrepeated the carpenter. "The sins of the wind as it swept down the great ates, during which Ah You sidled up to By Paul R. Reynolds.

The carpenter evidently knew his king must be paid for.

"Mark you, Koon-Si," said Jim, "it is written in our good book that there shall be blood for blood, and so it has the capital a sound not unlike all about this expedition?" shife, he bade us enter and at once led us through a stuffy, dimly lit passage shall be blood for blood, and so it has been, and so it shall be. And now, tell that which the rubbing of a finger nail "Sabbee plenty. Be well as the back."

"Sabbee plenty. Be welly caleful. Plenty dangelous." For a time I paid little beed to it, but Here Koon-Si, who seemed to have as it continued without cessation I eyes and ears for everything, interpos-

ed and asked what You had been say-"He merely mentioned the fact that It was time to keep our eyes open and our pistols handy." "Indeed," said the carpenter. "Ah Yon is a worthy servant. He shall be rewarded."

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"That he shall be," said Jim heartily. "Ah Yon is an excellent fellow." But the subject of these flattering remarks had slunk away, his untural modesty being no proof against such

Learning from the carpenter that we had still some distance to walk-before reaching Kung's house, we immediately set out with Ah You and one of the boatmen at our head. Jim followed next. Then came Koon-Si, myself and the other boatmen. In this manner we pursued our wry In silence, and if the journey down .. the river had seemed to be charged pricked up my ears and listened still this creeping over unknown ground

more intently. The sound came at reg- through the dark night toward a fate

"Where is Ah You?" asked my uncle. Though at the moment I thought the men, and then we went on again, but any important fact. That Ah Yon had felt that my revolver was ready, for

the man, I had to admit that for our cult to say. That he had been relieved ing came as yet, and still stealing onneeds we could not have created a bet- from his post aft was only natural, ward we presently found ourselves facconsidering the time he had stood ing a structure which, seen through Out into the street we went, our big there. Nevertheless I mentioned the the gloom, resembled a squat pillar or sutraw hats pulled well forward so as incident to Jim, who could make no chimney, but which in reality was the

only satisfaction we received from drove me, face foremost, to the ground.

CHAPTER XXVI.





Of the voyage to Shanghai I have lit- amiable fellow countryman in a foreign us to a seat, he seemed to breathe free- us your plan."

Koon-Si loo! For fifty years it has Ti tle to relate. We found Ah You a per- land. been lifting up the dis-

cooly, barelegged and barefooted, and

him, but beyond fixing us with the before the moor-a moment here, a mo Then he spoke again in his native stolid stare which we ordinarily receiv- ment there, in one place never."

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> You carried our things below. ther had said, "Find Koon-Si."

man more fitted for our purpose. The Chungking was not a nice steamer, and her captain was not a nice cap-

shrewd being and congratulated myself on the great good fortune which had followed us since we first seriously set out to combat our enemies, not that Koon-Si was a lovable creature or one for whom it was possible develop any immediate affection. His manner reminded me too forcibly of the awful, mysterious movements of the society. There were a cunning and a shrewdness in him which, though slipped from our side and disappeared extremely valuable, were not pleasant. When Kung made an enemy of him, he committed a fatal mistake and one which I believed would cost him dearly. It was not without reason my fa-Had we searched the whole of China

I doubt if we could have discovered a solve into the bosom of his mother. formation supplied gratuitously, even the cooly class that we surveyed them strike with our own hands. You are long steering scull in his hand. chucked at us, but we thanked him. with little apprehension. They merely prepared?

"He strikes twice who strikes first." was like a bad exhalation of the night, At darbreak of the following morn-

Hankow, a worthy tailor, who has sufWell, we can't expect more. Walk with then, stopping for a minute and lookwas to grapple face to face with des | Ized the fact that I was in captivity.

that Kung is still on his island." "If that is so," said I, reverting to a "Aboard quickly," said Koon-Si. "The to descry a little inlet or bay, and into Yet it was all so sudden, this surprise:

It was a strange journey, that rush "You are a wonderful man, Koon-Si E. Rowan, Druggists

thanked him. It was a piece of insuch as were belonged so obviously to shall be brought to book. We must You, our worthy servant, stood aft, the bave greatly favored our endeavors."

"I have spoken to my illustrious over the water, and this was followed man, the result of which was that we Had he, too, fallen into the hands of cousin," he said, "and he is hopeful. shortly after by the soft swish of a changed our course somewhat, making the enemy? Who was that enemy? But we must move with caution. The steering scull. Then from the gloom, for what appeared to be a break in the Had Koon-Si betrayed us? All these "Nothing definite. But we have hopes presently a boat grated on the shingle parted, ran with an increased velocity, fears answered darkly. Had Kung, the

down the great river.

the land, and with that accuracy which friends. And the pagoda-was it fancy,

