don't say that word "Jim, honey, agin, don't !"

carnest entreaty.

"Yes I will say it agin, for I mean it. Ye think because I lay here all day long, like a worn-out hulk, I don't know the kind of a man he is, or the ways he has with women. Kind, is he, an' perlite? Oh, yes, he's kind enough an' perlite enough to a han'some woman, an' nobody's denyin' ye're that."

The brown face among the pollows and broke. In a moment the woman was by his side.

a makin' yerse'f worse for nothin'. Ye know that thar ain't a drop o'blood in my body but I'd shed it for ye willin'. ders. I don't never think of no man but you, How could I, when ye was always the han'somes' an' the braves', an' the bes? Ye're a-gettin' better right along, an' 'twon't be no time till ye'll be out an' stirrin' ef you'll jest quit worrtin', an' let me do the best I kin for us both.

"Ye're a good woman, Mollie," he said brokenly. "I dom't never mistrus' ye. But it's hard to lay here day in an' day out-no use to nobody-an' hev the woman ye love workin' her life out in that cussed mill, with sich a man as had laid up for a rainy day. him for her boss. Sometimes I wishtl o'leavin' me here, as weak as a new-

His wife bent over him, gathering his head into her arms and pressing it against her breast with a beautiful grow hot with shame and anger. maternal motion.

"Don't never wish that agin', darlin', my darlin' l" she said passionately, have suffered any hardship rather than little mite of a thing, an' how I: was kicked from piller to pos' till I got big for five year. I've had a good home, an' full o' fish, an' a hollerin, 'Mollie, woman, what's for supper?""

She noticed it, and rattled on gayly,-

ye were hevin' yours. I'll hev the fire lit and the kittle bilin' before ye know by the clock that she had been away it. Hev ye drunk any of your wine tended to be. Remorsefully she extinto-day? An' what did Granny Smith guished the lamp and hurried to the give ye for dinner? They say she's a bedroom, when she smiled happily to

through the open door as she went about her work with the swiftness and ease that characterized her motions. The fire soon blazed good-naturedly, and the kettle bubbled with self-importance under her deft hands. She paused now, and then to nod and smile at him. It seemed but a few moments before she appeared in the doorway, bearing a tray covered with a white cloth, on which was a bit of steak, a dropped egg on toast, and a cup of fragrant coffee.

the very last mouthful."

frank pleasure of a child his evident In an instant she realized what had the canvas bag I carried, this one was enjoyment of his meal, and urging on happened. The long talk of flood altogether too large for anything of cately browned toast.

punction, exclaimed disgustedly, "Well in sheets. if I ain't a hog! Here ye air, with

for I didn't feel a mite hungry till now, of darkness and danger. But seein' ye eat has made me that | The next question was how and sharp-set that I'm a-goin' in the kitchen | where to seek aid. The cabin, on at me for eatin' so much."

from the stove and put the remainder her head. She remembered with a shelf. Then she mixed and baked a securely tied to a stake now many feet cake of corn bread and fried a couple under water. There was nothing but went after him and seized him. Then of slices of "middling." which, with a to swim for it, and Chester Archibald's began the process preliminary to the glass of buttermilk, forced her fugal fine brick mansion, a quarter of a mile swallowing of food by a boa. This meal. She ate hungrily and with rel- away on a bluff overlooking the river, completed, the snake began to swalish, but when she had finished and was the nearest house. This was no low its victima. cleared away the dishes; she sat down time for squeamishness. She must

As Jim had said, there was no denying that she was a handsome woman. She had the length of limb and generous curves which kindly Mother Nature so often gives to the working woman, who, leading a simple, useful life, has no time for the dissipations on

Her head and neck had something of IM the statuesque in their fine strong, lines, and her hands and feet were slenderly though strongly made. The face itself was oval, and the skin a THE THRILLING ADVENTURE OF A my hold it would be like clear, pale olive, while the features were well moulded and defined, the nose being straight and the mouth wide, yet sweet. Her eyes, however, The woman's voice rose in sharp were Mollie Phelps' chief beauty. They were large and dark, and full of pathos-due partly to her lonely childhood, and later to her passionate and unsatisfied longing for the child that had been denied her.

As she sat alone and very tired, despite her youth and strength, for she had been at work since the first dawn of the dreary February morning, her mind went back over the events of the day. The crawling out of bed in the dark to get Jim's breakfast, and her own, then the two mile tramp to the and weighed fully seventy-five pounds. worked convulsively, and the deep mill, where a rich man ground as much It. is supposed to have killed several doubt if this fact will ever stand me voice, weakened by illness, quivered work as he could out of several hundred wretched fellow beings. She had noticed how the girl next to her had coughed-the women always con- of. "Jim, darlin', don't be a worritin' an' tracted that cough if they stayed long enough in the cotton mill-and she had taken off her own shawl, and wrapped it about the bent and thinly clad shoul- it seems almost a miracle that he lived

through it on a tour of inspection. It struck Mollie that these tours came much more frequently than they used. Jes be patient a leetle longer, honey. and it seemed to her that she caught it with some possibility of success. a sly smile on the faces of some of her | The professor has prepared the followways did, beside her. He had uttered ing statement, which tells in graphic knife at my belt. With this I soon a few commonplace words, something language exactly what his fortunes and ended his snakeship's existence. quickness and dexterity, and she had answered him in a monosyllables, while her hands flew back and forth with all years in the interest of science, and of one leg of my trousers. Another \$1,500, and so on. The beneficiaries the old-time cunning that had stood in all that time never experienced an imovement of the tail split that leg do not receive the money outright, but

the fever had clean done for me stead working girl, who had learned in the hard school of experience that it is wiser to take no notice of an insult so born baby, an' mighty night as help- long as it is unexpressed in words. a ship containing specimens from South altogether, it is as ugly a customer ing that could offend her. It had only been the look in his eyes as they rest-And yet-and yet she could not afford to give up her work. As far as she herself was concerned she would

"Remember as how ye're all I've got. pass through the ordeal which was be-Other women has fathers or mothers coming daily. But there was Jim. or kinfolks o' some kin', but I ain't got and doctor, and the comforts and nour- a growth of pines. While an island nobody. Ye know how twas, Jim-how ishment he needed. She set hen teeth now, it originally was a neck of land. mammy an' pappy died when I was a and determined to bear it-to bear any-

thing to make Jim well again. She told herself, too, that she ought enough to work in the mill an' look ar- he had given her work after the foreter myse'f. Then ye come, an' ye've ben man had refused to engage her. But the bes' man to me a woman ever had her gratitude was somewhat embittered by the remembrance that he had I ain't wanted for nothin'; an' now jest plication until after he had seen her. paid no heed to her stimid note of apbecause ye've had a tech of the fever, The wash of the river a few feet bean' hev had to lay up for a couple of low came to her ears. She went to the months, ye're a wishin' ye were dead, tain looked out over the turbulent in' a tryin' to make yerse'f believe ye're waters. It had been a hard winter, in the way! Now I leave it to ye, ain't and the melting snows and heavy that foolish, when ye know how proud rains of February had combined to an'glad I am to work for ye? Not that for years. Day in and day out there "I knew that no s it'll be for long, for 'twon't be no time was a constant downpour, and there now till ye'll be comin' in with a boat were rumors of a flood. But Mollie had very little time to attend to ru-A faint smile at the picture her words the snug cabin on its shore that she had conjured up crossed Jim's face. called "home" than now, and she believed, with all the hopefulness of youth, that high-water mark had been "An' speakin' o' supper, it's high time reached, and the ebb would soon begin.

Returning from the window, she saw from her patient longer than she in-Stirring the fire into a cheerful blaze than he had done since the fever left me from trees. and lighting a couple of lamps, Mollie him. Then, having said a grateful hung her bonnet on a nail and passed prayer to the Father of the lowly, she

sense of alarm and foreboding. The is known as the Prairie, being that fire had gone out, which struck her as section of it nearest the land. If I pally of silicic soid while from I suppose that this is a common exunusual, for with the instinct of one could find the snake there, I knew I who has watched for many nights, she divined that it could not be later than twelve o'clock, and it had been her last waking thought that there could be no necessity of covering the fire, as it ed it for half a mile and at last came would easily last till morning. Fear- within sight of it. It was a big one ing lest the change of temperature and no mistake, but there did not "Now I'm goin' to sit right by ye," might affect Jim unfavorably, she seem any opportunity for me to capshe announced, "till ye've swallered sprang hastily out of bed to rekindle ture. I realized that it would be imit, only to find herself standing almost possible to get it alive, for though 1 And so she did, watching with the knee deep in ice-cold water.

him "jest a leetle bit" of the steak had come. Even as she stood there, that sort. broiled to a turn, or a bit of the deli- horrified and uncertain what to do, she could feel the water creeping like concluded that the only thing for me Jim, having obediently finished the a snake further up around her knees, last crumb, smiled at her with a grate- and the frail cabin trembling on its ful "Granny Smith ain't in it with ye, supports. Outside the wind was blow-Mollie," then, seized with sudden com- ing a hurricane, and the rain falling

She thought rapidly. Must she or nothin' but a bit o'col' bread an' meat | must she not wake Jim? His bed was from five o'clock in the mornin' till a high four-poster, and it would be night, an' me jest a layin' here all day some time before the water could reach long and eatin' steady, an' I've gone him. It was not impossible that he it for it bear an outlook as an' let ye git my supper first! Go an | might sleep until she could return with cook yours this minute, an' then sit by assistance. If she woke him it would any snake I ever saw. I waited until be to an agonized sense of helpless-She smiled at him merrily, but shook ness, to terror for her on her perilous errand, and to the prospect of a sud-"Kain't do it," she said. "This here den and dreadful death for one or perroom's for the quality. Common peo- haps both. she decided not to rouse ple like me mus' eat in the kitchen. him, and resolutely closed her mind An' don't worritt yerse'f about me against the possibility of his awakenwaitin' fifteen minutes for my supper, ing to find himself alone in the midst

an'shut the door so ye kain't laugh wooden supports stood on ground slightly elevated above that of the sur-Having closed the bedroom door be- rounding "bottom." Mollie knew that hind her, she whisked the coffee pot the water in this bottom must be over of the steak carefully away on a high pang that their tight little boat was for the rescue of her husband.

(To Be Continued.)

PLEASANT FOR THE CREDITOR. Sam-Yes, I can lend you a ten.

WASHINGTON SCIENTIST.

I would be squeezed to jelly. He Started Out to Capture a Big Snake, But the Snake Came Near to Making a Captive of Him-A Terrible Struggle in the Wilds of Florida.

which has ruled Black Point Key, Fla., for a long time has been captured by Prof. Walter Ralston, of the Smithson- sition of the rabbit in the snake's ian Institution, at Washington, who went to Florida for the purpose. The snake measured fifteen feet in length persons who landed on Black Point Key, and have never since been heard it kept up a continual hissing, glar-

Prof. Ralston tells a thrilling story look it is possible to imagine. of his adventure with the snake, and hours before the opportunity came misfortunes were:

her in such good stead when doctors' adventure so perilous as the one that up to my waistband. At last the snake in the form of orders for supplies upexhaust the little fund she and Jim befell me on Black Point Key. I had heard of a great snake being there, saw before, but I am satisfied it is be a specimen worth looking after. America for a circus in the United as I ever encountered." States had foundered off Florida coast which was really king of Black Point Institution at Washington. Key, had been a part of the cargo of the ill-fated vessel.

"Black Point Key lies just off the coast and at the edge of the Ever-The people who lived on the adjacent

IN A STATE OF TERROR

fear that it would leave the key on Paris and Berlin to determine the dewhich it had been for so long, pay them a visit, and possibly eat them exposure showed that even these sufbefore they could do anything about fered, a ruby which had lain for two conquest. This prosperity and this it. The length of the snake, they de- years in a show window being percep- moneybags vandalism are things not clared was phenomenal, and it is an tibly lighter in tint than its original actual fact that a number of men who mate, which was kept in darkness.

said they had seen it were willing to make affidavit that it was fully

America could be of that size, and so fancied there must be a good deal mors; never within the memory of liv- of exaggeration. I made up my mind of a newly cut gem. ing man had the river risen nearer I would at least take a look at the monster if I could not capture it, and made two trips to Black Point Key for the purpose. I could not even catch ally responsible for many of the super- He Finds Himself, in One Respect at Least, ing desirous of placing myself in such a position that it could catch me unawares if it really proved to be as great han' at cookin', but I'll lay she find that he was already sleeping, I kept out of the underbrush and horrible as my informants had stated,

When she awoke it was with a vague that portion of Black Point Key that the wearer sitting in front of an open with an unclouded vision. to attack it. Fortune seemed with me this time, for I had barely landed when I found traces of the snake. I trailcould crowd a pretty big snake into

"I thought the situation over and to do was to

WATCH AND WAIT for my chance. I knew I was fifteen miles from the nearest person, and that I might cry for help as loud as I liked without the slightest probability of any response. This was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It it, for it kept sharp an outlook as darkness came. It was impossible for me to do anything at night. Still I on the Germanic was Dr. C. J. was afraid to go away, lest the snake Ewing, of Lahore, India. Eighteen Czar. before I would fund it in a place so

favorable to capture. "So I got into my canvas bag and remained where I was. When daylight came I resumed my watch, but the stake was as wary as ever. The hours wore away until it was nearly 2 o'clock. I had been watching the snake twenty-four hours, and in all that time had not slept a wink or eaten or drank anything. Presently I saw the snake move. A short distance away was a rabbit, and almost as quickly as I can write this the snake

rather wearily in the wooden chair beside the kitchen table, and leaned her the two men servants and light skiff snake's throat, and then I went afand tried to shove it head first into checked. the canvas bag. I had underestimated the powers of my adversary. I had supposed the snake would be in such a state, owing to the meal it was making, that there would be little trou-Bob-Thanks awfully. I'm indebted ble in handling it, but before I knew silments of her fashionable sisters. to you for more than I can ever repay. it I felt the snake folding around my put you in the chorus.

limbs. In a marvelously short space of time the snake was about me as far THEY SNEER AT HIS GIFTS. as the abdomen. I clung to its throat desperately, realizing that if I once lost SIGNING MY DEATH WARRANT.

with a pen such a frightful position. The snake turned its head towards me and hissed in my face, darting out its forked tongue as if it would pierce me A huge Brazilian boa constrictor with it. I expected to be slowly London's newest millionaire, continues squeezed to death, but to my surprise the folds did not tighten, and then I realized that owing to the pothroat, the pressure of my hands thereon was having an effect. Besides this, the snake was not seemingly in the possession of its full powers. hands are rather muscular, and I in better stead. I squeezed the snake's throat as vigorously as possible, and

"This sort of thing went on for few moments, and then I made up my mind to try to break the snake's hold. people are making pounds, acted upon to relate it. He watched the python So I choked it with all the strength of the suggestion. He gave outright the Then the mill owner had gone without food or sleep for twenty-four which I was capable. To my joy, felt the hold of the snake upon me relax, and the coils slipped down as they which enabled him to try to master loosened. I pushed the head and neck widows and the infirm of that part of to the ground, still keeping one hand Derbyshire with which Mr. Hooley is and my knee thereon. I managed with writhed about to a considerable extent tants will get \$5,000 per year, while "I have been working twenty-six end of its tail underneath the edge died, and I took it to Miami.

"The snake is unlike any I ever ing issued by a Mollie Phelps was no fine lady, but a and made up my mind that it must a Brazilian python. It is of a dull The story as it came to me was that three and a half inches wide. Taken opinion.

The snake is being prepared for preed upon her that even now made her and it was supposed that this snake, of the curiosities of the Smithsonian

> MALADIES OF GEMS. Among infirmities to which precious

stones are liable is one common to all Mr. Hooley's offense seems to be twocolored stones, that of adding or losing color, when long exposed to the light, says a contemporary. The emerald, the sapphire and the ruby suffer buys a cigar. Then again, among the the least, their colors being as nearly permanent as colors can be, yet experiregarding the snake, and in constant ments made a few years ago in both terioration of colored gems through

For ages the opal has had the unenviable reputation of being the most unlucky of gems, and it is believed THE MAN OF MODERATE MEANS. that the jewels themselves are originstitious stories connected with them, since to the polishers and setters it is one of the most troublesome gems on prismatic colors and fire of the opal are due to myriads of minute cracks

misfortunes of pearls. Consisting al- discuss, spoke of this temporary menmost entirely of carbonate of lime, tal obtuseness concerning a word as they are easily damaged, and when an experience of his own. once injured cannot be restored. "It seemed kind of strange that a Thrown into a fire, at an ordinary red man with all his millions should ever heat, they are converted into a pinch find himself unable to spell just a stone would be affected under similar others." circumstances. They are easily cracked and broken, sometimes they lose their luster through handling while the acids contained in the perspiration of the skin have been known to affect them.

BRITAIN'S BENEFICENT RULE.

Years has Served in India.

One of the passengers to New York years ago Dr. Ewing went out as missionary of the Presbyterian church. of the Dominion, is 2,500 miles long and churches of Northern India, but has devoted a good deal of his time of late years to the political and economic but has more commerce than any oth-

"can question that English rule in India has been the best thing that ever miles it has no tributaries. bubonic plague and the other woes from which India is suffering at present would have been a hundred times more terrible had England not been the con- point which in the time of Augustus troiling power.

"No one who has not been in India miles from Adriatic. "I waited a few moments until the can realize what the horrors of the ter the boa. I seized it by the neck the progress of the disease has been

HANDICAPPED.

So you want to be a prima donna?

BRITISH PUBLIC DOES NOT LIKE HOOLEY'S CHARITY.

"It is impossible for me to describe He Calmly Gives Away Millions-Makes Money Faster Even Than Barney Barna. to, and Has Money Unlimited.

The abuse of Ernest Terah Hooley. to ring throughout England. His latest sensational contribution to charity is the peg on which they are just now hanging all the unpleasant things they are saying about him. The Prince of Wales suggested that

the sixtieth anniversary of Queen Vicria's accession to the throne would best be celebrated by the devotion of sums of money by the rich towards the ing at me with the most malevolent relief of those of the Queen's subjects who are in want nad misery. Mr. Hooley, who makes millions while other I sum of \$2,000,000, the income of which is to be distributed to the aged poor, the most identified. The money is distributed to towns in proportion to their It population. A town of 10,000 inhabia village of 3,000 population will get on distributing stores, the orders be

COMMITTEE OF TWELVE, brown in color, with black spots. Its in each district, the twelve being made head is about four inches long, and up of men of all shades of creed and

> Not long ago Mr. Hooley gave St. Paul's Cathedral, London, a sacramental service of pure gold, and at that there was a great outcry and much ridicule, just as there is now over the \$2,000,000 charity gift. Mr. Hooley is accused of "putting a premium on idleness," "fiddling for popularity," "Fishing for royal recognition," in the form of a title, and so through the whole carping gamut.

fold. He has made money so fast that he has bewildered even Barney Barnato. He buys things that cost a million or more as calmly as another man things he has bought are a number historic estates belonging to moneypoor aristocracy. Among the estates he has bought are those of Lord Ashburton Lord Churchill, the Countess of Warwick and Lord Sudley's great property at Tedington, which had easily forgiven.

Mr. Hooley has made much of his money as a promoter of companies, par-In the case of the garnet and topaz ticularly bicycle and bicycle tire conthe change is more rapid than in that cerns. He says he is making his land of the ruby and sapphire, but there purchases because he believes five years is a curious difference in the result in will see a great rise in lands which are "I knew that no snake from South topaz and garnet; for, while the lat- now absurdly cheap. When in London ter grows lighter, the former appears he lives at the Midland Grand Hotel, to become cloudy and dull in hue, losing where he has the whole first floor for much of the brightness characteristic which he pays a rental of over \$50,000

Like a Man Whose Means are Ample.

"If," said the man of moderate means their list. Microtonists say that the "we dwell too long upon a word our apprehension of it is likely to become in the body of the stone, the edges dud. The word may even cease to breathing deeper and more strongly avoided places where it could drop on angles and give the hues so much adselves unable even to tell whether it me from trees.

mired. Opals that have successfully is correctly spelled or not, though it passed the ordeals of grinding polishing is correctly spelled or not, though it undressed, and crept noiselessly into after my second trip, and so decided ward, but it is best not to expose them comes to us all right again the next to make a third attempt. I went to to even the moderate heat involved by time we look at it, when we view it

pally of silicic acid, while from 5 to perience, though it almost seems as would have a better fighting chance which renders them very treacherous from it. I met, for instance, once, a man who is worth I don't know how A volume would not contain the many millions, but a lot of 'em, who stories told by expert jewelers of the over some matter we had occasion to

of lime dust; accidentally touched with simple little word, but in that respect any corroding acid, they are affected we were just alike. I could wish that precisely as a bit of marble or lime- we were more nearly so in certain

GREAT RIVERS.

The Amoor, the great stream of China and Siberia, is 1,500 miles long and is frozen for nearly nine months of the

The St. Lawrence river is only 775 miles long, but if the lake system is counted in it reaches for 2,000 miles.

The Volga, the great river of Russia. is 2,300 miles long and drains nearly one half the European dominions of the

The Mackenzie, the principal river He is now at the head of the mission drains an area equal to one half of the United States. The river Thames is only from a

er stream in the world. "No one with any sense," he said, Most of its lower course is through a sandy desert, and for several hundred

The Po, in North Italy, is 300 miles long. The deposits at the mouth have gained so rapidly upon the sea that a was a seaport town is now eighteen

A PRIMITIVE LIGHT.

Recent experiments by the curious at Portland, Ore., have revived recollections of a primitive light used in the early days of the settlements along the Columbia River, where the residents called smelts candlefish. The dried You are too pretty; I shall have to smelts burn as well as candles and give off an appetizing odor.

A RUSSIAN TELEPHON According to L'Electricien, of a Russian scientist has inver telephone far superior to an hitherto used. With it a ma talk to more than one of his at a time, provided they are the same room, for it is not no

to stand near the receiver i to hear the sound. The voice from a metallic funnel, and heard at some distance. The telephone has other advantages transmitted through it lose tle of their intensity by reaso tance. In experiments made Moscow and Rostof, a distance hundred and seventy miles, songs and music could be clear A large number of official per present at the experiments, official report was full of pra new telephone.

"I HAVE HAD

Rheumatism for years, and is the only remedy that has any good." So writes Tho Glashan, North Pelhami, an timony is supported by the others who have experienced derfully penetrating and pair power of Nerviline-the gr paid cure.

The Duke of Fife keeps to going at the same time, wears the same clothes tw same week.

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