(BY H. RIDER HAGGARD.) CHAPTER I.

"You lie; you always were a liar, and you always will be a liar. You told my father how I spent the money." look after myself I suppose. You forget that I am only here on sufferance, his cousin's heart, and to see his in-

would have turned me out of doors," whined George."

"Oh! curse your fine words; it's you the money to the gambling-tent, and made me promise that you should have play for both. What, are you begina good deal to pay off, I'm thinking. I know what you are at; you want and little apparent satisfaction. to play cuckoo, to turn "Cousin Philip" out that "Coupin George" may fill the nest. You know the old man's soft points, and you keep working him up against me. You think that you It Is the Cause of an Earnest Conversation would like the old place when he's gone -ay, and I dare say that you will now, at any rate;" and, brushing the tears of anger that stood in his brown eyes away with the back of his hand, the speaker proceeded to square up to George in a most determined way.

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Now Philip with his broad shoulders and his firm-knit frame, would, even at eighteen, have been no mean antagonist for a full grown man; much more than he look formidable to the lanky, overgrown stripling crouching against the corner of the wall that ing." prevented his further retreat.

"Philip, you're not going to strike me, are you, when you know you rare so much stronger?"

match you with my tongue, at any rate I will use my fists. Look out."

"Oh, Philip, don't! I'll tell your father."

"Tell him! why, of course you will, I know that; but you shall have something to lie about this time," and he advanced to the attack with a grim determination not pleasant for his cousin to behold.

Finding that there was no escape, George turned upon him with soshrill a curse that it even frightened from his leafy nerch in the oak above the tame turtle-dove, intensely preoccupied as he was in cooing to a newtound mate. He did more than curse; fought like a cornered rat and with as much chance as the rat with trained fox-terrier. In a few seconds his head was as snughly tucked away in the chancery of his cousin's arm as ever any property was in the court of that name, and, to speak truth, it seemed quite possible that, when it emerged from its retreat, it would, like the property, be much dilapidated and extensively bled.

for George it was a very painfulone, go." so painful that he never quite forgot it. His nose, too, was never so straight again. It was soon over, though to one of the parties the time went with unnatural slowness.

"Well, I think you've had about en- find a door unlocked. Be a little careough for once," soliloquized Philip, as he critically surveyed the writhing mass on the ground before him; and he looked a very handsome lad as he

His curly black hair hung in waving confusion over his forehead, and flung changing lights and shadows into the depths of his brown eyes, whilst his massive and somewhat heavy features were touched into a more active life by the light of that pleasing excitement which animates nine men out of every ten of the Anglo-Saxon race when they are engaged on killing or hurting some other living creature. The face, too, had a certain dignity about it, a little of the dignity of justice; it was the face of one who feels that, if his action has been precipitate and severe, it has at any rate been virtuous. The full but clear-cut lips also had their own expression on them, half serious half comical; humor, contempt, and even pity were blended in it. Altogether Philip Caresfoot's appearance

was pleasing and not uninteresting. cent, respectable reason for not believsame change passed over his face that I we see in the sky when a cloud passes over the sun; the light faded out of it. It was astonishing to note how dull and heavy-ay, more, how bad it made I was awake at the time-

him look all in a breath. There will be a pretty business about this," he murmured, and then, administering a sharp kick to the prostrate and groaning form on the be in quite such a hurry to tell lies | morning." about me another time, though suppose that one must always expect a certain amount of lying from a halfbred beggar like you. Like mother, like son, you know."

This last sentence was accompanied by a bitter laugh, and produced a decided effect on the groveling George, who slowly raised himself upon his hands, and lifting his head, looked his to forgive you if the prediction does cousin full in the face.

It was not the ghastly appearance of his mangled and blood-soaked countetenance that made Philip recoil so sharply from the sight of his own handiwork-he had fought too often at school to be chicken-hearted about good? a little blood-shed, and, besides, he knew that his cousin was only knock- n't have to help him clean his wheel for ed about, not really injured-but rath- three weeks.

er the intense and almost devilish malignity of the expression that hoverthe blurred features and in the half-closed eyes. But no attempt was made by George to translate the look iato words, and indeed Philip felt that it was untranslatable. He also felt dimly that the hate and malice with which he was regarded by the individual at his feet were of a more concentrated and enduring character than most men have power to originate. In "Well, and what if I did? I had to the lurid light of that one glance he ver, to pierce the darkest recesses of whilst you are the son of the house. most thoughts, no longer through It does not matter to you, but he veil, but face to face. And what he

leave his ruddy cheek, and to fix his milk, eat meat, or wear woolen clotheyes into an expression of fear. Next second George dropped his head who forgot you swab. Ay, it's you on to the ground again, and began to who forget that you asked me to take moan in an ostentatious manner, poswhose footsteps could be plainly heard proceeding slowly down a shrubberyhalf of what we won, but that I should path on the other side of the yard wall. At any rate that was the effect proning to remember now-is it coming duced; for next moment, before Philip back to you after a whole month? I escape, a door in the wall was openam going to quicken your memory up ed, and a gentleman, pausing on the presently, I can tell you; I have got threshold, surveyed the whole scene, eye-glass, with some evident surprise

(To be Continued.)

#### M'SWAT'S FRONT DOOR.

Between Billiger and Lobelia. "I tell you I locked that front door get it before you have done, but I myself! I know I locked it!" The voice mean to have my penn'orth out of you of Mr. McSwat was stern, high-pitched and menacing.

"You were the last to go to bed, weren't you?" demanded Mrs. McSwat. "I was."

"And you locked the door, did you?" "Once more I tell you I did."

f" Sure of it, are you f"

to tell you I locked that door the last thing before I started upstairs?" "Well, I found it unlocked this morn-

"I can't help that, madam."

"I have no doubt, Billiger," said Mrs. McSwat, with a praiseworthy attempt to say it soothingly, "that you think "Yes, I am, though; if I can't you locked it, but the fact remains-" "The fact remains exactly as it was before!" he roared. "I don't think any thing about it. I know it."

"Did you come down stairs in the night and unlock it?"

"I am not in the habit of walking in my sleep." "I am not asking you about your

habits. Did you come down in the night and unlock that front door?" "I did not."

"Well, I was the first one wno came down this morning and I found the door unlocked. How do you explain that, Billiger?" "I don't explain it at all. See here,

Lobelia! Are you trying to make me out a liar?" "I am not trying to make you out anything. All that I am trying to do

is to get at the facts." "What difference does it make, should like to know?" "No difference, only I should like to

find out-" "Do you find the house upside down? Has anything been stolen?"

has been in the house. That's what being appreciably affected by a new makes it so hard to understand." Let us not dwell upon the scene; "Don't try to understand it. Let it

> "Has it occurred to you that perhaps you didn't find that door unlocked when you came downstairs?" "Do you think I don't know when I

ful how you-"I have no doubt, Lobelia, you think you found that door unlocked, but the

The fact remains exactly as I said it did. See here, Billiger, are you try-

ing to make me out a liar?" "I am not trying to make out anything. I am only defending myself smokeless and odorless flame. Strips When I look a door I know it. You through the combustible mass and then have got into a chronic way of contradicting everything I say. When tell you, Lobelia, that it thundered and lightened in the night I presume you will try to find some excuse for disput-

Last night?"

"Do you mean to tell me it thundered and lightened last night?" "I certainly do."

"Well, I certainly do not believe in the moment of boyish vengeance came desperately calm-"some sane, de-

ness. "I refuse to believe that it thun-dered and lightened last night because 140 degrees Fahrenheit at least.

"Ana I know it lightened and thun-

Whereupon Billiger went up into the garret and made loud, profane remarks to the dust-covered, moth-eaten garground before him, he said, "Now, ments that hung from the nails in the

#### HIS EXPERIENCE.

On the whole, said the aged weather prophet. I have found that the safest course is to predict bad weather. How sof asked the neophyte. Because people are much more ready

not come true.

#### MUTUAL BENEFIT.

Did your husband's wheel-trip do him

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Four-fifths of all the hail-storms oc-

A Few Items Which May Prove Reading.

cur in the day time. 53 pipes and 200 stops.

ther does not even kiss her child.

phone is operated is between Boston and St. Louis, about 1,400 miles. There are no cows, sheep, or pigs in saw was sufficient to make the blood Japan. The Japanese do not drink

> Zena King, of Fairland, Mich., made | Rhode Island. a vicious kic kat a dog. He missed the Connecticut. animal, but struck a post, and broke New York.

Foo Chee, a Chinese laundryman in Niles, Mich., rides a bicycle, and uses it when collecting or delivering his wash Delaware. to his patrons.

Lightning struck the home of Joseph Voorhees, at New Hackensack, N.Y., seven times within an hour, during a recent thunderstorm.

St. Peter's, at Rome, required three and a half centuries for its completion; and while it was in course of erection Illinois. forty-three popes reigned.

The oldest poplar tree in France is in Ohio. Dijon. Authentic records show that it was in a flourishing condition in the year 722, nearly 1,200 years ago.

In Hindostan when the parents of a baby cannot agree upon a name, two Missouri. lamps are placed over the names. The Louisiana. one over which the lamp is brighter is Texas. that which is chosen.

N.Y., a shower of white toads fell over | Kansas. . an area of one hundred feet square. Montana. The ground of that space was literally Idaho. . covered with them.

On the police force of Duluth, there is an officer, Royal McKenzie by name, whose height is 6 feet 10 3-4 inches, and whose weight is 265 pounds. His age is "How many more times have I got 26 years and he states that he is still growing.

When Mrs. John Elitch, of Denver, desires an exciting and pleasant drive she harnesses a large ostrich to

it, and find relief.

Charles H. Rhine, a colored boy, aged twenty, of Howard County, Md., can lie on his back with his arms extended 150 pounds stand on his palms, and then arise from the ground until he is erect, and still sustain the man on this hands.

A typewritten letter was sent to the State Board of Agriculture. He scendant of the mutineers of the thought it was an insulting intimation pick brought in \$49 at a recent Lonthat he could not comprehend "pen don. He has written a complete hisreturned it, stating that he could ity, and of the transference to Norfolk "read writin' yit."

#### NEW MATERIAL FOR MATCH'S.

Wood Will Very Soon Give Way to Paper

Sticks. It is predicted that paper is the coming material for matches. The pros-"No. There isn't a sign that anybody pect of the wooden match industry process for manufacturing matches of paper is held to be extremely probable, particularly as the best wood for this purpose is constantly growing scarcer and more costly. The new matches are considerably cheaper than the wooden product and weigh much less, which counts for much in exportation. The sticks of the matches consist of paper fact remains that just before I went rolled together on the bias. The paper is rather strong and porous, and when immersed in a solution of wax, stearine and similar substances, sticks well together and ourns with a bright through the combustible mass and then turned by machinery into long, thin tubes, pieces of the ordinary length of wood or wax matches being cut off automatically by the machine. When the sticks are out to size they are dipped into phosphorus, also by machinery, and the dried head easily ignites by friction on any surface.

There is some talk of utilizing th new invention in the manufacture of matches on an extensive scale for export in India. The invention involves no waste whatever, and the paper You don't," snorted Mr. McSwat. delivered in rolls like the telegraph 'Will you please give me "-here he be- tape, and converted at one operation into match-sticks, and by a second into matches that would dry without stov-Presently, however, something of the ing it?"

Certainly, Billiger," responded Mrs. dia. One thing, however, must be dia. One thing, however, must be ing for a large part of the year in In-McSwat, with her accustomed sweet- made sure of-that a wax is used which will harden at a shade temperature of

#### SOME NICE TEA SETS.

The sum of \$2,000,000 would not be an extravagant estimate of the value of the Queen's china at Buckingham then get up; I'm not going to touch rafters, looking wan and ghostlike in Palace, and at Windsor, considering you again. Perhaps, though you won't the gray, gloomy twilight of the early that the Sevres dessert service in the green drawing-room at Windsor is valued at £100,000, and the Rose du Barrie vases, in the corridors, at £50,-000, while there are six Sevres yases at Buckingham Palace for which there would be an eager competition if they were put up to-morrow at £30,000.

#### SHE KNEW HIM.

Mary, you don't sympathize with me when I have to push the lawn-mower. No; if it was the snow-shovel you would be making the same old fuss.

#### THE WISE VIRGINS.

Their lamps are trimmed and burning, And so of course, it ought To be supposed with safety that Their curling-tongs are hot.

#### AN ARMY OF TRAMPS.

What Reports Collected Give of the Unemployed of the United States.

Reports collected from every section of the country show that there is The largest organ in the world is in now a wast army of tramps spread over the cathedral of Seville, Spain. It has the United States. The total number at present in the United States, accord-Kissing rarely occurs in Japan un- ing to the most conservative estimates, less between husband and wife. A mo- is fixed at 336,250. Of these, by far the larger portion are men honestly look-The longest distance at which a tele- ing for work. The greater number seem to centre about New York and Illinois. The summary by states is as follows:

Vermont. Massachusetts. Pennsylvania. . Virginia. West Virginia. North Carolina. South Carolina. Alabama. . Iowa. . North Dakota. . . During a recent rain-storm at Leeds Nebraska. . . . . Wyoming. . . Colorado. . Washington. . .

California. . . .

#### THE PRINCE'S KENNELS.

At his Sandringham home the Prince light spring wagon, and gayly sets takes great interest in his kennels, forth. The ostrich moves very rapid- which comprise about 15 houses, each ly, easily covering eighteen miles an having its own yard, and every group of five its front grass plot. A paddock A body of water known as the Lake where the dogs are allowed to romp in of Ink, is in the Cocopah Hills, Ariz- turn, and a hospital for invalids, have ona. It is of inky blackness, but does also been added. The Prince's kennelnot stain the flesh. The temperature man has some 70 dogs under his care, of the water ranges from 110 to 116 of various shapes, sizes, and breeds, degrees. Rheumatic patients bathe in most of which has been presented to the Squire of Sandringham. Two noteworthy animals are Luska, the Siberian, and Perla, the Lapland sledge dogs. In their northern homes these dogs are above his head, and let a man weighing expected to draw 150 pounds each for effort. But, then, the temperature is 50 degrees below zero there.

Mr. Adams, a Norfolk Island deand ink writting," and he indignantly tory of the Pitcairn Island commun-



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