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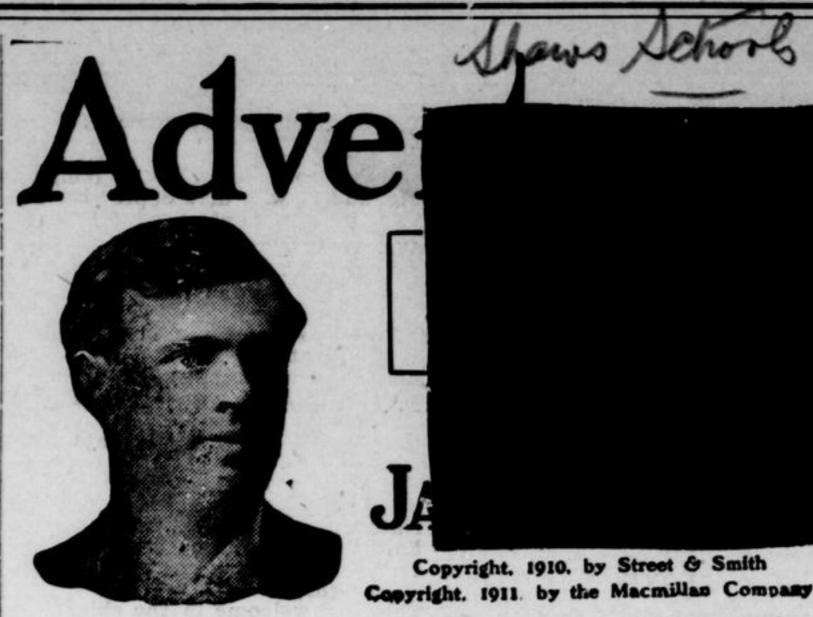
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our pay. She worked us till we drop-

ped, and we were down with fever

half the time. So was she, for that

matter, only she wouldn't stay down,

and she wouldn't let us stay down.

My word, she's a slave driver. An'

the Lord lumme, the way she made

"He was older than Telepasse and

dirtier." she assured Sheldon, "and I

am sure much wickeder. Now I must

run and wash up. Did the Sydney or-

waiting. Let me have your hat and

was almost womanlike, then sighed

with relief as she unbuckled the heavy

"I doubt if I ever want to see an-

other revolver," she complained. "That

one has worn a hole in me, I'm sure.

I never dreamed I could get so weary

Sheldon watched her to the foot of

Flibberty Gibbet for thirty-five."

was virgin ground. Since the Scot-

tish Chiefs no recruiter had ever even

tried to work the coast. When we

Martha was progressing."

utes."

done."

sumed:

can go back and fill up again."

"'You see that spit,' she says to me,

hang up one tide, says she; 'the next

off and go after more recruits. There's

no law against recruiting when you're

empty. But there is against starving

'em,' I said. 'You know there ain't any

kai-kai to speak of aboard of us and

"'Don't let the kai-kai worry you.

Captain Munster, says she. 'If I can

find grub for eighty-four mouths on

the Martha, the two of you can do as

much by your two vessels. Now go

ahead and get aground before a steady

breeze comes up and spoils the ma-

neuver. I'll send my boats the mo-

"And we went and did it," Sparrow-

hawk said solemnly and then emit-

ted a series of chuckling polses. "Miss

Lackland transferred the recruits, and

CHAPTER XVII.

AN OFFER OF MARRIAGE.

and laid there the whole week and

traded for grub with the niggers.

When we got to Tulagi there she was

Burnett. I tell you, Mr. Sheldon, she's

a wonder, that girl, a perfect won-

UT where was she during the

nor'wester?" Sheldon asked.

there as it was coming on

"At Langa-Langa. Ran up

ment you strike. "

the trick was done."

there ain't a crumb on the Martha.

belt and passed it to him.

to be home again!"

love to old Kina-Kina!"

ders arrive?"

where it is."

Munster refilled his glass, and while long mate. Sparrowhawk, his face Sheldon glanced across at Joan's

shining with admiration. "It was hard house, anxious for her coming, Sparwork, that's what it was. We earned rowhawk took up the tale. "Gritty! She's the grittiest thing, man or woman, that ever blew into the Solomons. You should have seen Poonga-Poonga the morning we arrived-Sniders popping on the beach and

In the mangroves, war drums booming in the bush and signal smokes raising everywhere. 'It's all up,' says Captain Munster. 'Up your granny,' she says to him," Sparrowhawk went on. "'Why, we haven't arrived yet, much less got started. Wait till the an-

chor's down before you get afraid." "That's what she said to me," Mun-"Yours are in your quarters," Shelster proclaimed. "And of course it don said. "Hurry, for breakfast is made me mad, so that I didn't care what happened. We tried to send a belt. Do, please, allow me. There's boat ashore for a powwow, but it was only one hook for them, and I know fired upon. 'What we want,' says Miss Lackland, 'is a hostage. I'm go-She gave him a quick scrutiny that ing ashore tonight to fetch Kina-Kina himself on board, and I'm not asking who's game to go with me, for I've got every man's work arranged for him. I'm taking my sailors with me and one white man.' 'Of course I'm that white man.' I said, for by that time I was mad. 'Of course you're not,' says she. 'You'll have charge of the covering boat. Curtis stands by the steps, where she turned and called the landing boat. Fowler goes with

And we start at 1 o'clock.' "And Burnett said, 'Well. I'll be "My word, it was a tough job lying d-d! I beg your pardon, Miss Lack- there in the covering boat. I never land, but you have wantonly broken thought doing nothing could be such the recruiting laws and you know it," hard work. We stopped about fifty Captain Munster narrated as they sat fathoms off and watched the other over their whisky, waiting for Joan to boat go in.

me. Brahms takes charge of the Flib-

"My, I can't tell you how good it is berty and Sparrowhawk of the Emily.

come back. "And says she to him, "Of course there was a row. It had 'Mr. Burnett, can you show me any to come, and I knew it, but it startled law against taking the passengers off me just the same. I never heard such a vessel that's on a reef?' What could screeching and yelling in my life. The Burnett do? He passed the whole niggers must have just dived for the hundred and fifty, though the Emily bush without looking to see what was was only licensed for forty and the up, while her Tahitians let loose, shooting in the air and yelling to hurry 'em "But I don't understand," Sheldon on. And then I heard them coming through the mangroves and an oar "This is the way she worked it strike on a gunwale and Miss Lackland laugh, and I knew everything When the Martha was floated we had was all right. We pulled on board to beach her right away at the head without a shot being fired. And there of the bay, and whilst repairs were was old Kina-Kina himself, being going on, a new rudder being made, hoisted over the rail, shivering and sails bent, gear recovered from the chattering like an ape. The rest was niggers, and so forth, Miss Lackland easy. Kina-Kina's word was law, borrows Sparrowhawk to run the Fliband he was scared to death. And we berty along with Curtis, lends me kept him on board issuing proclama-Brahms to take Sparrowhawk's place tions all the time we were in Poongaand starts both craft off recruiting. My word, the niggers came easy. It

"It was a good move, too, in other ways. She made Kina-Kina order his people to return all the gear they'd stripped from the Martha. She-here filled up we came back to see how the she comes now."

It was with a shock of surprise that "And thinking we was going home Sheldon greeted her appearance. The with our recruits," Sparrowhawk slipready made clothes from Sydney had ped in. "Lord lumme, that Miss Lacktransformed her. A simple skirt and land ain't never satisfied. 'I'll take shirt waist of some sort of wash goods 'em on the Martha,' says she, 'and you set off her trim figure with a hint of elegant womanhood that was new to "But I told her it couldn't be done," him. Brown slippers peeped out as Munster went on. "I told her the she crossed the compound, and he Martha hadn't a license for recruiting. once caught a glimpse to the ankle of 'Oh,' she said, 'it can't be done, eh?' brown openwork stockings. Someand she stood and thought a few minhow she had been made many times the woman by these mere extraneous "And I'd seen her think before,"

trappings. cried Sparrowhawk, "and I knew at "I've opened up a new field." she wunst that the thing was as good as said as she began pouring the coffee. "Old Kina-Kina will never forget me, Munster lighted his cigarette and re-I'm sure, and I can recruit there whenever I want. I saw Morgan at Guvutu. He's willing to contract for a thousand with the little ripple breaking around boys at 40 shillings per head. Did I it? There's a current sets right across tell you that I'd taken out a recruiting it and on it, and it will set you nicely license for the Martha? I did, and the aground. Then I'll rescue your re-Martha can sign eighty boys every cruits and sail away-simple, ain't it?' says she," Munster continued. "'You

Sheldon smiled a trifle bitterly to himself. The wonderful woman who had tripped across the compound in her Sydney clothes was gone, and he was listening to the boy come back

"Well," Joan said, with a sigh, "I've shown you hustling American methods that succeed and get somewhere, and here you are beginning your muddling again."

Joan stood beside Sheldon and sighed as she watched the Martha beating out to sea, old Kinross, brought over from Savo, in command,

"My, but she is a witch! Look at her eating up the water, and there's no wind to speak of. Honestly, if Fd dreamed of the chance waiting for me at Guvutu when I bought her for less than \$300 I'd never have gone partners with you. And in that case I'd be sailing her right now."

The justice of her contention came abruptly home to Sheldon.

"You make me feel like a big man who has robbed a small child of a lolly," he said, with sudden contrition. "And the small child is crying for it."

She looked at him, and he noted that her lip was slightly trembling and that her eyes were moist. "But the small child won't cry any more for it," she was saying. "This is the last sob. But some day I'm go-



ing to sail the Martha again. I know it. I know it."

In reply, and quite without premeditation, his hand went out to hers, covering it as it lay on the railing. But he knew beyond the shadow of a doubt that it was the boy that returned the pressure he gave, the boy sorrowing over the lost toy. The thought chilled him.

"Never mind," he said. "You can go salling on the Martha any time you please-recruiting on Malaita if you

making, and he felt that he did it against his better judgment. Her reception of it was a surprise to him.

"With old Kinross in command?" she queried. "No, thank you. He'd drive me to suicide. I couldn't stand his handling of her. I'll never step on the Martha again unless it is to ried. Getting married is not making take charge of her. I'm a sailor, like my way in the world. It may do for to see a vessel mishandled."

glanced at her sharply and noted her Besides-besides"face mottling, even as he looked, and Her voice broke for the moment, and turning orange and green,

to turn back."

not serious, but horribly miserable if you make love to me. And I was while it lasts. I'm going to bed. Send so happy!" Noa Noah and Viaburi to me. Tell Tears of disappointment were in her Ornfiri to make hot water. I'll be out eyes, and she caught a swift sob in her of my head in fifteen minutes. But throat, I'll be all right by evening. Short and sharp is the way it takes me."

rushed hot water bottles along to her and then sat on the veranda glancing across the compound to the grass house. Yes, he decided, the contention of every white man in the islands was right-the Solomons was no place for

He clapped his hands and Lalaperu came running. "Here, you," he ordered; "go along

barracks, bring 'm black fella Mary, plenty too much, altogether." A few minutes later the dozen black

women of Berande were ranged before him. He looked them over critically, finally selecting one that was young, comely as such creatures went, and whose body bore no signs of skin dis-"What name, you," he demanded.

"Sangui?" "Me Mahua," was the answer.

"All right, you fella Mahua. You finish cook along boys. You stop along white Mary. All the time you stop along. You savvee?" "Me savee," she grunted and obeyed

his gesture to go to the grass house immediately. "What name?" he asked Viaburi, who had just come out of the grass

"Big fella sick," was the answer. "White fella Mary talk 'm too much" allee time. Allee time talk 'm big fel-

la schooner." Sheldon nodded. He understood. It was the loss of the Martha that had brought on the fever. He lighted a cigarette, and in the curling smoke of it caught visions of his English mother and wondered if she would understand how her son could love a woman who cried because she could not be skipper of a schooner in the can-

The most patient man in the world is prone to impatience in love, and Sheldon was in love.

nibal isles.

But how to approach her? He divined the fanatical love of freedom in her, the deep seated antipathy for restraint of any sort. No man could ever put his arm around her and win her. She would flutter away like a frightened bird. Approach by contact -that, he realized, was the one thing he must never do. His hand clasp must be what it had always been-the hand clasp of hearty friendship, and nothing more. And then, one morning, quite fortuitously the opportunity came.

"My dearest wish is the success of Berande," Joan had just said apropos of a discussion about the cheapening of freights on copra te market. "Do you mind if I tell you the dean WOOL WANTED

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est wish of my heart?" he promptly returned. "I long for it. I dream about it. It is my dearest desire. It is for you some day when you are ready to be my wife." She started back from him as if she

had been stung. Her face went white on the instant, not from maidenly embarrassment, but from the anger which It was a great concession he was he could see flaming in her eyes.

"This taking for granted! This when I am ready!" she cried passionately. "Listen to me, Mr. Sheldon. I like you very well, though you are slow and a muddler, but I want you to understand once and for all that I did not come to the Solomons to get marmy father, and he could never bear some women, but not for me, thank you. When I sit down to talk over the An hour later, just as they were freight on copra I don't care to have riding out of the compound. Sheldon proposals of marriage sandwiched in.

when she went on there was a note of "It's the fever," she said. "I'll have appeal in it that well nigh convicted him to himself of being a brute.

By the time they were in the com- "Don't you see? It spoils everything. pound she was shivering and shaking. It makes the whole situation imposand he had to help her from her horse. sible-and-and I so loved our partner-"Funny, isn't it?" she said, with ship and was proud of it. Don't you chattering teeth. "Like seasickness- see? I can't go on being your partner

"I warned you," he said gravely. "Such unusual situations between men Sheldon obeyed her instructions, and women cannot endure. I told you so at the beginning."

"Oh, yes; it is quite clear to me what you did. You took good care to warn me against every other man in the Solomons except yourself."

It was a blow in the face to Sheldon, He smarted with the truth of it, and at the same time he smarted with what he was convinced was the injustice of it. A gleam of triumph that flickered in her eye because of the hit she had made decided him.

"It is not so one sided as you seem to think it is," he began. "I was doing very nicely on Berande before you came. I did not want you to stay. I wasn't in love with you then. I wanted you to go to Sydney, to go back to Hawaii. But you insisted on staying. You virtually"-

He paused for a softer word than the one that had risen to his lips, and she took it away from him.

"Forced myself on you-that's what you meant to say," she cried, the flags of battle painting her cheeks. "Go ahead. Don't mind my feelings."

"All right, I won't," he said decisively, realizing that the discussion was in danger of becoming a vituperative, schoolboy argument. "You have insisted on being considered as a man. Consistency would demand that you talk like a man and like a man listen to man talk. And listen you shall. It is not your falt that this unpleasantness has arisen. I do not blame you for anything-remember that-and for the same reason you should not blame me for anything.

"You can't help being yourself. You can't help being a very desirable creature so far as I am concerned. You have made me want you. You didn't intend to; you didn't try to. You were so made, that is all. And I was so made that I was ripe to want you. But I can't help being myself. I can't by an effort of will cease from wanting you any more than you by an effort of will can make yourself undesirable to me."

"Oh, this desire, this want, want, want!" she broke in rebelliously. "I am not quite a fool. I understand some things. I really think it would give him orders and keep him penned away from me and men like you would leave me alone and not talk marriage and 'I want I want'"

Sheldon laughed in spite of himself and far from any genuine impulse to laugh.

"You are positively soulless," be said

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the earthquake!"

the direction of the Belmont Hotel, where a small boy informed the crowd that the man had vanished. It is said that the fakir waiting for us and scrapping with took in about \$500, and that one individual was "touched" for \$27. The watches were worth about \$2.