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nim. The rows of trees, running at

right angles, enabled him to see along

only one narrow avenue at a time. His

enemy might be coming along the next

avenue or the next to right or left. He

SYNOPSIS

Sheldon, owner of Berande plantation, though desperately ill, overawes and controls 200 head hunting Solomon islanders by force of will and weapons. Chief Selee calls with forty men.

He returns Arunga, a runaway laborer. Sheldon has Arunga and Billy whipped to quell a mutiny. His sickness increases. His partner, Hughie, and many laborers

Joan Lackland, a pretty girl, arrives with her crew of Tahitians, Sheldon becomes unconscious, and she takes charge of things

She is a self reliant American girt, a lover of adventure, a native of Hawaii and an orphan. Her ship has been wrecked. She proves to Sheldon that she She resents his friendly suggestions, and

they quarrel. She makes it plain that she is not matrimonially inclined. She and Sheldon save two black women from The savage laborers demand the women. Sheldon attempts to discipline them, and

Joan shoots a native and saves his life. She scolds him for making her shoot. Satan, a savage dog, arrives. Despite Sheldon's warnings Joan goes to explore an island she contemplates buying. Finan-

cial difficulties threaten Sheidon. He falls in love with Joan. Left alone by Sheldon, Joan has trouble with Gogoomy and other natives. Armed savages arrive, and danger threatens Sheldon and

Joan routs them with a fake dynamite cartridge, and Satan drives them into trees. Their chief is punished. Morgan and Raff have Sheldon in their power.

Joan offers to become his partner. His mention of conventionalities angers ner. She needs no enaperon, she says. Shelden finally accepts ner as his partner. Tudor and von Blix, gold seekers, arrive

on the Martha. Joan and Tudor seem to interest each other. Sheldon becomes jeai-Joan starts for Australia with her crew

to buy a schooner, but stops at Guvutu and buys the Martha, which has been wrecked, for a mere triffe. Captain Auckland tells now she did it

and applauds ner cleverness. Captain Oleson tells now she took the Flibberty Gibbet away from him to save the Mar-Joan returns with the Martha in good

her business shrewdness. Sheldon refuses to let her run the Martha. Sheldon proposes marriage, but Joan re-

buffs him. They agree to continue as partners and friends. They discover a large number of hidden firearms.

Gogoomy attacks Joan, who escapes and warns Sheldon. Gogoomy flees with other savages, and Sheldon pursues. Bushmen murder all of Tudor's party except Fudor. Sheldon and Joan rescue Tudor, find the heads of the remainder of his party, rout the bushmen and burn their village.

Joan nurses Tudor pack to health. He offends her by trying to kiss her. Fudor forces Sheldon to fight him for the girt.

shoot at each other on sight. Sheldon finally wounds and disables Tudor.

Joan offers to conventionalize matters by marrying Sheldon. He refuses unless she loves him. She admits that she does,

CHAPTER XXIL

MODERN DUELING. Tudor was not on the beach at all. Of would be the size of a saucer. cording to the terms of the agreement, and lay down in the grass, protected in the shelter of the cocoanut trees. right and left by the row of palms, Sheldon promptly swerved to the left with, on either hand, the long avenue to seek similar shelter, when the faint extending. This he could watch. Tucrack of a rifle came to his ears, and dor would have to come to him or else almost immediately the builet, strik- there would be no termination of the ing the hard sand a hundred feet be- affair. He wiped the sweat from his yond him, ricochetted and whined on- face and tied the bandkerchief around ward in a second flight, convincing his neck to keep off the stinging gnats him that preposterous and unreal as that lurked in the grass. Never had It was, it was, nevertheless, a sober he felt so great a disgust for the thing fact. It had been intended for him. called "adventure." Joan had been

might be a hundred feet away or half a mile. Sheldon plodded on and decided that the old stereotyped duel was far simpler and easier than this protracted hide and seek affair. He, too, tried circling, in the hope of cutting the other's circle; but, without catching a glimpse of him, he finally emerged upon a fresh clearing where the young trees, walst high, afforded little shelter and less hiding. Just as he emerged, stepping out a pace, a rifle cracked to his right, and, though he did not hear the bullet in passing, the thud of it in the windless grass and ugnung came to his ears when it struck a palm gnats, the while he kept close watch He sprang back into the protection of Then Tudor came. Sheldon hap- ested in is her looks. He places the larger trees. Twice he had ex- pened to be looking in his direction more valuation on her complexion he had failed to catch a single glimpse peering quickly up and down the avegan to burn in him. It was deucedly Midway he stopped, as if debating unpleasant, he decided, this being pep- what course to pursue. He made a pered at, and, nonsensical as it really splendid mark, facing his concealed

sort of duel, Sheldon concluded, as he knocking him down. began to work along cautiously in the direction of the last shot.

When he arrived at the spot Tudor his feet and running forward. was gone, and only his footprints re- A hundred feet away all anxiety on don raised his automatic pistol and down. condition. Her white assistants describe in two seconds sent eight shots scattering through the trees in the direc- so there's no use struggling." tion in which Tudor had disappeared. Wishing he had a shotgun, Sheldon dropped to the ground behind a tree, slipped a fresh clip up the hollow butt of the pistol, threw a cartridge into the chamber, shoved the safety catch into place and reloaded the empty clip.

It was but a short time after that that Tudor tried the same trick on ferent trees and losing most of its mo- it anyway, just to teach you that duelmentum, struck Sheldon a sharp blow on the forehead and dropped at his feet. He was partly stunned for the moment, but on investigation found no greater harm than a nasty lump that

soon rose to the size of a pigeon's egg. Tiring of the endless circling, Sheldon tried once more to advance direct-ARELY had Sheldon reached by on his foe, but the latter was too the Balesuna, when he heard crafty, taking advantage of his boldthe faint report of a dis- ness to fire a couple of shots at him tant rifle and knew it was and slipping away on some changed the signal of Tudor, giving notice and continually changing course. For that he had reached the Berande, an hour they dodged and turned and turned about, and was coming back. twisted back and forth and around and Sheldon fired his rifle into the air in hunted each other among the orderly answer, and in turn proceeded to ad- palms. They caught fleeting glimpses vance. He moved as in a dream, ab- of each other and chanced flying shots sent mindedly keeping to the open which were without result. On a beach. The thing was so preposterous grassy shelter behind a tree Sheldon that he had to struggle to realize it, came upon where Tudor had rested and he reviewed in his mind the con- and smoked a cigarette. The pressed versation with Tudor, trying to find grass showed where he had sat. At some clew to the common sense of one side lay the cigarette stump and what he was dong. He did not want the charred match which had lighted to kill Tudor. Because that man had it. In front lay a scattering of bright blundered in his love making was no metallic fragments. Sheldon recogreason that he, Sheldon, should take nized their significance. Tudor was his life. Then what was it all about? notching his steel jacketed bullets or True, the fellow had insulted Joan by cutting them blunt, so that they would his subsequent remarks and been spread on striking-in short, he was knocked down for it, but because he making them into the vicious dumdum had knocked him down was no rea- prohibited in modern warfare. Shelson that he should now try to kill him. dou knew now what would happen to In this fashion he covered a quarter him if a bullet struck his body. It of the distance between the two riv- would leave a tiny hole where it eners, when it dawned upon him that tered, but the hole where it emerged course not. He was advancing, ac- He decided to give up the pursuit

Machine Oil, Harness Oil, Yet even then it was bard to believe. bad enough with her Buden-Powell and Keeping now to the shelter of the long barreled Colt's, but here was this trees, he went forward another quar- newcomer, also looking for adventure ter of a mile. If Tudor had advanced and finding it in no other way than by with equal speed they should have lugging a peace loving planter into an come together at that point, and Shel- absurd and preposterous bushwhackdon concluded that the other was cir- ing duel. If ever adventure was well cling. The difficulty was to locate damned it was by Sheldon, sweating

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posed himself and been fired at, while at the moment he came into view, than her character, and considers was, it was none the less deadly seri- enemy at 200 yards distance. Shel- est imbecile that ever lived, ous. There was no avoiding the is- don aimed at the center of his chest, heart may be as hard as a sue, no firing in the air and getting then deliberately shifted the aim and she herself nothing but over with it, as in the old fashioned to his right shoulder, and, with the clothes-horse to hang fine dresses duel. This mutual man hunt must thought, "That will put him out of on, but men will flock around her keep up until one got the other. And business," pulled the trigger. The bulif one neglected a chance to get the let, driving with momentum sufficient other that increased the other's chance to perforate a man's body a mile disto get him. There could be no false tant, struck Tudor with such force sentiment about it. Tudor had been a as to pivot him, whirling him half cunning devil when he proposed this around by the shock of its impact and ly never asks a question about

Sheldon muttered aloud, springing to

mained, pointing out the course he had that score was relieved by Tudor, who strong; whether he knows how to taken into the depths of the planta- made shift with his left hand and talk and entertain her and partiction. Once, ten minutes later, he from his automatic pistol hurled a rain caught a glimpse of Tudor, a hundred of bullets all around Sheldon. The yards away, crossing the same avenue latter dodged behind a paim trunk, as himself, but going in the opposite counting the shots, and when the direction. His rifle half leaped to his eighth had been fired he rushed in on shoulder, but the other was gone. the wounded man. He kicked the pis-More in whim than in hope of result, tol out of the other's hand and then grinning to himself as he did so, Shel- sat down on him in order to keep him

"Be quiet," he said. "I've got you, Tudor still attempted to struggle and to throw him off.

"Keep quiet, I tell you," Sheldon commanded. "I'm satisfied with the otcome, and you've got to be. So you might as well give in and call this affair closed." Tudor reluctantly relaxed.

"Rather funny, isn't it, these modern him, the bullets pattering about him duels?" Sheldon grinned down at him like spiteful rain, thudding into the as he removed his weight. "Not a bit palm trunks or glancing off in whining dignified. If you'd struggled a moricochets. The last bullet of all, mak- ment longer I'd have rubbed your face ing a double ricochet from two dif- in the earth. I've a good mind to do



"HOPE I HAVEN'T KILLED THE BEGGAR." ing has gone out of fashion. Now, let us see to your injuries." "You only got me that last," Tudor

grunted sullenly, "lying in ambush "Like a wild Indian Precisely. You've caught the idea, old man." Sheldon ceased his mocking and stood "You lie there quietly until I send back some of the boys to carry you in. You're not seriously burt, and it's lucky for you I didn't follow your example. If you had been struck with one of your own bullets a carriage and pair would have been none too large to drive through the hole it would have made. As it is you're drilled clean-a nice little perforation. All you need is antiseptic washing and dressing and you'll be around in a month. Now, take it easy, and I'll

send a stretcher for you." Continued next week.

Why Male Beauty Does Not Appeal to Women

In Berlin, where a man's a man being a belle, or men deliberateand a husband's a husband and ly seeking her out as a partner hard to get, no matter what sort for the dance and rejoicing in of a face he has on him, Fraulein being seen in public with her? Against Beauty."

they have pledged themselves to face and see the superlative beauty theory that handsome husbands of her soul. make more unsatisfactory partners than homely ones, that in matrimony pretty is pretty does.

Canadian girls will not find it necessary to form cursed with the fatal gift of plentiful in this country, however dandy who is the glass of fashion fence she stood on. and the mold of form to a pinnacle and imitate him. We throw bricks at him and laugh at him.

question he asks you is, "Is pretty?" He never inquires whether she is intelligent, or talwhat she has done to merit the approval of her fellow creatures. The thing that he is chiefly intergrows, and what a magnificent straight front figure he possesses.

If a girl has yellow hair blue eyes, and a peaches cream skin, and a willowy figure she may be the dullest, the stup! like bees around a honey pot, and fight with each other for a chance of marrying her. On the contrary, when you tell a

woman about a man in whom you nis physical appearance. "Hope I haven't killed the beggar," looks, provided he is not a de-.ormity and has the appearance of a gentleman, do not count with er. What she wants to know is

marry what he has achieved, whether he has made something out of his life, or is one of the "also Of course, beauty is a gift of

the gods, and if a man can have that in addition to all the other desirable qualifications, he is just that much to the good. A womanwould naturally rather contemplate an Adonis than otherwise. but a man's looks cut a very small figure in her estimate of him. Let him be charming in manner, glib in speech, a good dancer, and especially know how to take care of a woman and do the little things just right, and the man with carroty hair, no eyebrows, a snub nose and a stumpy figure can back the classical featured six-foot tailor's dummy off PUMPS OF ALL KINDS

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The opponents of woman suflife frage are always saying that when women vote the one and only qualification that a candidate will need to swing the feminine ballot will be a handsome face. They protective league to guard them- won't care a rap about a man's looks. Indeed, they are always beauty, Apollos not being over- dowed with beauty, but heaven plentiful they may be in Germany. feminine candidates for office and help the country when we have Indeed, in America, the living a Lillian Russell takes the stump! picture man finds scant favor The men would vote for her en either with his own or the oppo- masse, without ever stopping to inquire which side of the political

In reality, it is not too much to say women rather resent than ad-Strangely enough, it is men who ing on their own preserves, the are slaves to beauty and who invading of a field they hold make fools of themselves over it- sacred to themselves. If anybody about a woman the very first knows who ought to be IT. She wants the tributes laid at her feet and not to be compelled to scatented, or agreeable, or good, or him what beautiful eyes he has

Faugh! The very thought of dinary looking wife of a handsome man make any hit with her.

If there's going to be any Beauty and the Beast business in her family she wants to qualify for the role of Beauty. That's the reason that you often see a pretty woman marry a. grotesquely ugly man but very rarely a handsome man married to a homely woman.

Another reason why women do not care for a superabundance of good looks in a man is because a handsome man is invariably inordinately vain, with the vanity that makes the vainest woman seem humble and self-deprecating. He has a vanity that requires to be continually fed on flattery, and a warmer and more piquant kind than any domestic brand, It seems a pity to him to waste so much charm on any one woman, and that one a mere wife, so he roams abroad to give other women a chance "for to see and to admire" him.

An instinctive sense of self-protection makes women homely men as husbands. They may like to feast their eyes occasionally upon a matinee hero. but when they go home they want something more than a loving picture in the house. They want a man, and if he's intelligent and good, and kind and generous they don't care a bit about his looks.

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