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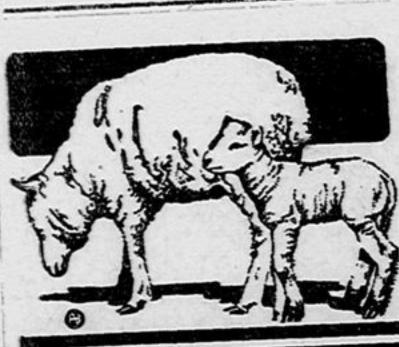
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of beans and peas. The other departments of the Prize List have been carefully revised, and the total amount to be awarded for

the interests of the small exhibitor.

England will feature the music, while two concerts daily will also be given by Cretore's Band, the most famous tinent. The spectacle, "Babylon," is had in my pocket I made it tast. We foolishly-and yet it would have made on a more magnificent scale than ever sat close together and talked in low



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The Island of the Stairs

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cave was slightly damp. The dampness arose from a spring of water which bubbled away in some dark corper which we had not cared to explore. We had what provisions we had brought with us left over from our luncheon, which I had luckily preserved instead of throwing it away. and an armful of cocoanuts and other fruit. These, however, would last us but a short while. If they couldn't come at us by force they could easily starve us out. Also they could, without too much trouble or danger, make themselves masters of the cuter cave. Indeed, I scarcely thought it would be wise for me to attempt to prevent that, and in that case they could wall up the entrance and leave us there.

CHAPTER XV. Wherein We Are Beleaguered In the

T did not occur to us for a single moment that the savages had any knowledge of the treasure and that they could be after that. Not for the thousandth part of a second did I dream that the savages were led by Pimball, Glibby and most of the other seamen of the Rose of Devon. I did not know then that the Rose of Devon had gone ashore in the terrific storm I have described, or that there had been a battle with the savages, who sought to plunder the ship, but were prevented at frightful loss to the islanders, who were unable to contend successfully against the firearms with which the ship was abundantly provided A means of communication between the ship and the shore had been found subsequently through one of the seamen who had sailed the south seas. The savages had been told of the treasure, of which indeed they had some dife traditions from days gone by, they also held the cave as one of their most sacred spots, scarcely less sacred than

the great altar on the hillock in the center of the island, for what reason I cannot tell. Some of this I learned afterward from our assailants, and much of it I divined on reflection on our voyage homeward.

By some persuasion, I know not what, Pimball and Glibby had won them over. Together they had organized an expedition to come and seize us and take the treasure. The Rose of Devon I guessed was not badly damaged and could easily be made seaworthy.

We sat silent in the cave for a long time. I had not lighted the lantern we had left there at our last visit, and some of the light of the dying day filtered through from the outside cave. There was nothing that we needed light for. We sat close together on the remains of one of the chests to protect us from the damp sand. I always carried with me a flask of spirits. Not that I am a drinking man; I left and still leave that practice to the gallants of the day, but I have often found it useful in some dire emergency, and as Mistress Lucy shivered in the chill, Jamp air I heartened her and strengthened her with a dram.

As it was summer and not far from the line, I had not brought the boat cloak with us. I had not even worn my sailor jacket, but my waistcoat Live Stock and other products of the was heavy and warm, and I was farm and home is \$55,000. The List thankful that I had it. I took it off has been specially framed to protect and, despite her protestations, shipped 9. We went past the altar with its it on her. In girth it was big enough The Gre adier Guards' Band from to encircle her twice, which was all the better for her comfort. I drew it around to cover her breast with a double fold, and with a length of line I before, and the other special attractions whispers, and I thrilled at the contact upon the shelf which made a sort of W. P. Ellis resigned his office as promise to show marked improve- of her sweet presence in spite of our

How long we talked or how long we waited I have no means of telling It grew dark in the cave very early, and when I ventured into the outside room after what seemed an interminable wait, I found night had fallen 1 felt pretty sure that we need apprehend no attack that night, and yet it was necessary to keep watch, so I proposed that one of us should sleep while the other listened. Naturally she was the first to take rest. It was too damp and cold to lie down on the sand, so I wedged myself against one of the least rotted of the chests, whose shape had been kept intact by the pile of gold and silver bars, and somewhat besitatingly offered her the shelter of my arms.

"Madam," I said, with all the formality I could muster, "you must have sleep You cannot lie upon this damp sand, and it is bad enough to sit upon it, but upon my shoulder and within the support of my arms you shall have rest. I swear to you"-

"Swear not," she replied, coming closer to me. "I trust you, and if I am to sleep I know that I will be safe within your arms."

"As my sister, had I one, or as my mother, were she here, will I support you," said 1.

Before she closed her eyes she made ber evening prayer for herself and for me, and then she made me promise that I would awaken her when I judged it to be midnight, and, upon my promise, without more to do she nestled down and went to sleep, her head upon my shoulder.

Surely, never had man a greater compliment paid him than I by that maid

that night! I sat there motionless, my bared sword at my side. listening. 1 could hear nothing, no sound except her soft breathing and once in awhite the sough of the night wind through the trees outside. which penetrated faintly

into the cave, and at intrequent intervals the cry of some night, bird came to me, but there was no sound of hu-

manity. How long we sat there I know not. It was my purpose to keep awake the night through, and I think I must have kept awake the greater part thereof, but toward morning my bead dropped back on the pile of ingots, and I fell asleep. Yet I did not relax my clasp upon the sleeping figure lying upon my breast. It was she who awakened when the dim light began to sift through the narrow opening into the little cave where we sat.

"Master Hampdon," she said, bending over me, having arisen without disturbing me, "it is morning"

I sprang to my feet instantly, as she shook me gently and grasped my sword as I did so, whereat she laughed.

"Why did you not awaken me?" she asked reprovingly.

"I don't know. I must have"-began in great confusion

"You must have gone to sleep yourself," she laughed. "I am ashamed." I replied, "that I

should have failed in my duty to keep good watch . I didn't awake you when I might because you needed sleep yourself, and then, like a big animal, I went to sleep myself."

"I am glad," she said, smiling at me, and I could just see her lovely face faintly in the dark twilight of the cave, "that you did and nothing happened."

"It is just as well then," I said, smiling in turn, "we have both slept. feel greatly refreshed."

"And I." "Thank God!" I said fervently. "What is to be done now?" she asked

"First, breakfast."

I broke open a cocoanut with my ax. I had become expert at it, and we had food and drink in plenty and for variety some of the hard bread which still remained which I had brought with us and other fruit. I lighted the lantern for a moment and went toward the sound of the falling water. The cocoanut shell made an excellent cup. and I brought her enough clear, cool sweet water to lave her face and

hands. Save for the stiffness of the constrained position and some slight pain caused by the damp we were both fit for any adventure.

Well, we should have need of our strength. When we finished our meal and our refreshing ablutions, she looked at me inquiringly.

"Well, what next?" "The next thing," said 1, "is to see

what is toward." "You won't leave the cave," she said, catching me by the shoulder.

"I should find it difficult were I so minded," I answered, smiling and thrilling to her touch again, as always. Indeed, I have never got used to it even after all these years. As I look back at it now I do not think I have ever had happier moments in my life than those in which she clung to me and was dependent upon me.

"Why not?" she asked. "You forget that we broke down the way last night."

"But you are a sailor; you might make shift."

"Yes; but not you." I answered. "Without me?"

"Without you I go nowhere."

She looked at me with shining eyes. "Come," said I, "iet us go into the outer room We may find out something."

I had wound my watch in the dark and looked at it now as we came into the light. It was three bells in the morning watch, or about half after

******** stared through the entrance. There was an open space in front of the cliff forty or fifty yards wide perhaps. After looking some time and seeing nothing I no difference in the end-stepped out adopted. Mistress Lucy fearlessly came with me.

when to our astounded surprise we by binding all parties, their heirs and head the report of a firearm and a heavy buffet struck the coral wall just without further aid from the munici- T. McBride, M.F. 6-8; Wm. Hanter, over our heads. I had just time to pality. betraying smoke as I leaped back into L. B. Nicholson waited upon the Coun- Whyte, M.F., 16-16; R. Singil, M. F., the shelter, carrying my precious cil, soliciting a grant on behalf of the 19-17; Stanley Williams, F.S., 24-19; charge before me. I was puzzled be- library in Holstein. yond measure. I was certain that the savages in these parts of the south seas knew nothing about firearms, and from statute labor and taxes. I could not account for it. The shower of arrows and spears that came through the opening and fell harmlessly on the sand I could easily account for, but not that shot.

"That," said I solemnly, "was a nar-

row escape." "Do these islanders have firearms?" she said. the same thought in her mind, "I never heard of it. I cannot account for it."

"I can, though," she said. "Just before the discharge of that gun I caught the sight of a man in clothes such as you wear. Could it be possible that it was some one from the ship?"

I nodded my head. "It is quite likely," I answered. At this moment conversation was in-

terrupted by a hall. I heard in that lonely island my own named called. "Master Hampdon." the cry came to us, "will you respect a mag of truce?

It so show yourself at the opening, and I shall do the same " "Don't go," cried my little mistress,

"I think it will be best for me to That the dog assessed had been disposhonor and"go," I said. "Stand clear so that if any treacherous movement be made I shall have space to leap backward,

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and meanwhile look to your weapons." I examined my pistols and then calling out that I would faithfully observe the flag of truce I stepped out into the

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platform in front of the cave, and sanitary inspector and was accepted. T., 14-9; Chas. Howes, T., 28-11; Mrs Applications for said office asked for. S. Robb, O., 16-10; H. Tibby, T., E. The wire fence by-law was amended half 17-9.

mark the spot whence it came by the Rev. Dr. Marsh. Rev. W. James and

grant of \$25.-Lost.

Joseph Robb, Sr., was exempted Each commissioner has \$250 to spend

on road improvements. The P. V. trustees have \$133.13 due them for improvements. The clerk was ordered to get a new

blade for grader. Com. Gordon reported on the unsafe condition of both Porter and Drewery bridges, and recommended immediate \$19.25 to H. Moyer for wire fence. action to repair. Report adopted, and

the Reeve. Couns. Gordon and Robb be Coun. Gordon gave a detailed report crossway, lots 19 and 20, con. 16, \$7.50, a com. to repair. of expending \$8.55 on Drewerv's C McDougall, do., 50c.; com. fees paid bridge, \$3 on Gardiner's bridge, \$7.55 \$1.00. in filling a washout and \$13.50 for J. R. Hunt and Thos. Woodyard

Council went into a Court of Revision. Reeve in the chair.

There were only two appeals, viz.: F. Noble, lot 5, con. 2, and A. S. Stewart, part 24, con. 15. No reduction 75 were paid. made in either case.

Kirby, Mrs. Whyte, Jas. Runciman, sanitary inspector. A. Henry, John McBride, L. McDouhearing all; "they are utterly without gall, D. O'Connell, D. Hauey, A. Hershey, R. Manser, George Schramed of, therefore said assessment was

Shand, O. 24-12 and 24-13; H. Love, died 15 years ago.

O., 26-16; G. Bunstone, O., 14-18; A, and F. Clark, O., 20-21 and 17-18; G. Council met May 30th. Minutes Line, O., 24-17; John Hill, O., E 21 and 22-19; James Allan, T., 16-20; H. Allingham, T., 22. M,S., W. Holstein; F. Walls, T., 3 of 20-1; R. D. Robb, Names added on roll-John Allan,

assigns, receiving aid, to repair and M.F., 13-18; Bruce McKenzie, M. F., maintain said fences through all time 39-3; Joseph Burke, M.F., 5-1; John F.S., 9-1; A. Mulock, M.F., 24-13; Wm. Crispin, M.F., 17-14; Charles Gordou-McArthur-That we give a M.F., 6 W. St., W. Holstein; Joseph Switzer, M.F., 2 Cr. St., N. Holstein. Court of Revision closed and the assessment roll as revised was finally

Council resumed. Assessor was paid \$35, balance of salary. H. McDermott was paid \$12 for winter work on A. and E. townline, instructed by the Reeve, Arthur

to pay half. Com. Robb recommeded payment of Com. McRobo gave a detailed account of filling a washout on lot 29, con. 18, \$1; removing logs out of old

clearing road through a swamp, lots were each paid \$10, for the use of their 7 and 8, con. 6. Report adopted. Com. house for six weeks for isolation pur-

poses for scarlet fever patients. Mr. McInnis, J.P., was instructed to deal with the matter of a fine in his The required declaration was taken. hands, for running automobiles without a number according to law. Sundry accounts amounting to \$27 .-

Adjournment to meet on Monday, Declarations were made from T. 28th inst., to receive applications for D. ALLAN, Clerk,

> Homer E. D. Newton of Syracuse, aged 74, and his cousin, Miss Lou

Property changes R. Robbins, O., Stackhouse of Toronto, aged 72, E 6, con. 2; F. Noble, O., 5-2; Alex. were married last week by Rev. D. Campbell, O., 25 and, 26, con. 2; Alex. N. Lee, of Buffalo. The giddy Aitken, Jr., O. 29-2; J. M. Lawrence, young pair had been acquainted 0.1-3; Wm. Coburn, T., part 44-2; for over 60 years, and the wed-John Menary, T., E 3-12; W. J. Hors- ding was in the nature of an elbingh, T., W 7-14; James and Alex. opement. Mr. Newton's first wife