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GREENMANTLE

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CHAPTER XIX. (Cont'd.)

I wasn't bluffing. Puzzled as I was about ways and means I had still the blind belief that we should win out. And as I spoke two legs dangled through the trap and a dagger and a blinker Peter descended in our midst.

I took the map from him and spread them on the table.

"First, you must know that we've had an almighty piece of luck. Last night Hussin took us for a walk over the roofs of Erzerum, and by the blessing of Providence I got his staff in Stumm's room and bagged his map."

"Look there... d'you see his notes? That's the danger-point of the whole defence. Once the Russians get that fort, Kara Gubek, they've turned the main position."

"And if it can be done, I can't say for these two adjacent hills are not held."

"It looks a mad enterprise on paper, but Stumm knows that it is possible enough. The question is: Will the Russians guess that? Therefore, unless some one tells them, they will by hook or crook, we've got to get that information through to them."

Sandy's interest in ordinary things was beginning to flicker up again. He studied the map and began to measure distances.

"Peter's going to have a try for it. He thinks there's a sporting chance of his getting through the lines. If he does—if he gets this map to the Grand Duke's staff—there's a chance for us. In three days the Cosack's will be in the streets of Erzerum."

"What are the chances?" Sandy asked.

I glanced at Peter. "We're hard-bitten fellows and can face the truth. I think the chances against success are about five to one."

"Two to one," said Peter modestly.

"Not worse than that. I don't think you're fair to me, Dick, my old friend."

I looked at that lean, tight figure and the gentle, resolute face, and I judged my mind. "I'm hanged if I talk there are any odds," I said, "with anybody else it would want a miracle, but with Peter I believe the chances are level."

"Two to one," Peter persisted. "If it was even I wouldn't be interested."

"Let me go," Sandy cried.

The Hugo, and can pass as a Turk, and I'm a million times likelier to get through. For God's sake, Dick, let me go."

"Not you. You're wanted here. If you disappear the whole show's bust. I'm a million times likelier to get behind me than if I were not."

"No, my son. You're going to escape, but it will be in company with Blenkiron and me. We've got to blow the whole Greenmantle business to bits. It's a bit of a job, but it's worth it. First, tell me how many of your fellows will stick by you? I mean the Companions."

"The whole half-dozen. They are very worried already about what has happened. She made me sound them in her presence, and they were quite ready to accept me as Greenmantle's successor. But they have their suspicions about what happened at the villa, and they're not going to follow me unless I have them with me. They'd follow me through hell if I had them, but they would rather it was my own show."

"That's all right," I cried. "It is a long time to be doubtful about the one thing I've been doubtful about. Now observe this map. Erzerum isn't invested by a long chalk. The Russians are round it in a broad half-moon. That means that all the west, south-west, and north-west is open and undefended by trench-lines. There are flanks far away to the north and south in the hills which can be turned, and once we get round a flank there's nothing between us and our friends."

"I've figured out our road," and make that big circuit to the west and get over the pass unobserved we're bound to strike a Russian column the next day. It'll be a rough road, but I fancy we've all ridden as bad in our time. But one thing we must have, and that's horses. Can we and your six ruffians slip off in the darkness on the best beasts in this town-

The first bit was through farmlands, which were scamed with little snow-filled water-furrows. Now and then would come a house and a patch of fruit trees, but there was nobody abroad. The roads were crowded enough, but Peter had no use for roads. I can picture him swinging along with his bent back, stopping every now and then to sniff and listen, alert for the foreknowledge of danger. When he chose he could cover country like an antelope.

(To be continued.)

He Made the Crew.

"I've made the crew!" cried Frank Mason as he burst in upon his family. "That will mean harder training now," said Frank's pastor, who was calling upon the family.

"Yes," was the eager reply, "it will be the real thing now. I must be ready to step into the boat at six o'clock every morning, and every day that the water is fit we must row hard for an hour, and if we can't go out there are rowing machines for us to practice on. There's our other training too and then early to bed!"

"And your diet?"

"Oh, yes, it's all carefully regulated," said Frank.

"Frank," exclaimed the pastor, with his face shining, "you make me jealous! What splendid enthusiasm rowing has aroused in you! What a world we should have if we could only inspire our young people with similar enthusiasm for Christ's service! Paul seems to have been aroused in a similar way when he saw the athletes of old. He admired their sacrifices to their energy and their spirit of gain; but he saw that their love for the laurel wreaths that faded so quickly, and he had his disciples content as sincerely and intelligently for crowns that would not fade. I hope you will succeed in holding your seat in the crew, Frank, and that you fellows will sweep the lake! But you are done and have more time wouldn't you like to help me kindle a similar enthusiasm in young people for the things that are bigger, better and enduring?"

Frank looked at his pastor thoughtfully. "I think I should," he said at last.

Baking Black Paper White.

Old newspapers and books are used to make cardboard and coarse wrapping paper. It is difficult, however, to produce white paper from waste printed paper. Various attempts have been made to dissolve the oily or resinous portion of the printing inks with solutions of soap, petroleum, caustic sodas and so forth in order to wash away the black pigment afterward.

There was some time ago invented a process for removing the ink pigment by treating the paper with a solution of borax. The hope was expressed that this method may act as a check on the rapid deterioration of this country and avert a condition that has threatened to cause a crisis in the paper industry.

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mens, preferably having thumbs. Slip these on when polishing the silver and see how much quicker and easier the work is now welcome work goes than when the polishing flannel is held in the hand.

A mitten makes an ideal oven holder; make it long so as to protect the wrist and arm from the heat if short-sleeved work dresses are habitually worn.

A mitten with thick palms is excellent for lifting and carrying out ash pans, for the handles of these receptacles often have a way of being very hot and uncomfortable when taken directly from the stove. They also protect the hand from the ashes, which are quite likely to prove irritating to the skin.

A mitten included in the stove-cleaning outfit will protect the hand when dusting or shining the stove.

EACH DAY'S WORK.

My little seven-year-old daughter has a set of those pictures showing cute little maids doing their work for each day. One once Betty was wondering what to do, I suggested that every day she do some of the work that was intended for that particular day, just as the little girls in the pictures were doing.

She agreed readily and was eager to begin. So on Monday she washed a few small pieces I gave her and ironed them on Tuesday. Wednesday she went to see a friend. For her Thursday's sewing I cut out a square of lawn and showed her how to hem it nicely for a handkerchief. Friday she had a lesson in needlecraft. Friday she helped me about my cleaning, really helped, and on Saturday, cooking day, I let her prepare a simple dish. On Sunday she went to Sunday school. Then she was anxious to begin the week all over again.

Now this plan of occupation not only kept her happy and interested but really instructed her in all the branches of household art. Realizing this possibility, I am planning to make this form of play into a real development.—Alice A. Keen.

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Woman's Sphere

THE GREATEST BEAUTIFIERS.

Undoubtedly good health, cleanliness and happiness are the greatest beautifiers. We can not always attain all three, but as we water and plain food are available, we can have the cleanliness of body (within and without) which is so necessary for good health. Good health is usually dependent on good habits, and so is by no means unattainable, while happiness is partly habit, partly dependent on good health, and can sometimes be cultivated. These beautifiers must be supplemented by good sense, and that is a quality which none dare ignore.

Nothing so strengthens the mind and enlarges the manhood and widens the thought as the constant effort to measure up to a high ideal, to struggle after that which is beyond us and above us. It stretches the mind, as it were, to a larger measure, and touches the life to finer issues.—O. S. M.

Where there's a will there are ways—One right and one wrong.

The fault lies not in failure, but in aiming too low.



Refuse to worry. That's Rule 1, the most important and the hardest. If you are too nervous to be able to control your mind, follow the rest of the treatment and the worries will seem less important as you feel better able to cope with them.

Rule 2. Eat health-giving foods. Fresh fruits, cooked grains, graham bread, rice, oatmeal, potatoes, cauliflower, carrots, greens and other fresh vegetables, salads, nuts, buttermilk, sweet milk, cream, eggs, bread, butter, broths, and meats which are roasted, broiled or stewed, not fried. These foods are listed with the most important ones first. Such a diet will make the elimination of the body normal, and perhaps make Rule 3 unnecessary.

Rule 3. Knead the abdomen, if the bowels are sluggish, in order to stimulate their action.

Rule 4. Take plenty of outdoor exercise. Gardening is a wonderful help, so you can begin your home treatment when you get ready to start your next summer's garden. Take walks in the open, climb hills.

Rule 5. Sleep eight hours at night, and if quite run down, two extra hours in the afternoon. Always sleep with the windows wide open.

Rule 6 is about bathing. In winter, take not less than two warm baths a week; in summer, one every day, before retiring. If you are not sleeping well, fill the tub with water at 102 deg. F., get in for two minutes, then let it cool to 93 deg., and stay in half an hour. This rarely fails to induce sleep.

Every night, strip off your clothes—in a warm room, of course—and rub the body vigorously all over with a rough Turkish towel. It stimulates the blood, frees the pores of collected matter and helps to make the complexion fresh and clear.

These are the rules for health, follow them, and see how much prettier you'll look!

4294. No school girl's wardrobe is complete without several middy blouses, and no garment is quite as comfortable. In drill, Indian head, flannel, khaki, linen and silk, this style will be very pleasing. The blouse may be finished with straight lower edge, or with the now so popular "hip band." The plaited skirt is to be finished with a band or joined to an underskirt.

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SURPRISE PUMPKINS.

The women of a club coined quite a little sum of money from their surprise pumpkins. They cut the tops off a number of rather large pumpkins and scooped out the inside until nothing but a thin rind remained. These were neatly lined with waxed paper and dainty luncheons packed and carefully sealed in them, using ham and chicken sandwiches, small cakes of different kinds, pickles, salads, nuts, fruit and homemade candies. No two pumpkins contained exactly similar luncheons, and in each was put a little trinket or a toy. The tops were attached to the shells by means of green ribbons run through holes. These pumpkins were auctioned off at booths made out of cornstalks, and lit up with jack-o'-lanterns. Long tables were provided on which to eat their lunches, and sweet milk, buttermilk and lemonade were served. Lots of people in the towns near by patronized this auction.

NURSES

The Toronto Hospital for incurables, in affiliation with Bellevue Hospital, New York City, offers a three years' course of training to young women having the requisite education, and desirous of becoming nurses. This Hospital has adopted the eight-hour system, the pupils receive uniforms of the Hospital, a monthly allowance and travelling expenses to and from New York. For further information apply to the Superintendent.

MITTENS FOR HOUSEWORK.

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We take our blessings too much for granted.—Sir H. Rider Haggard.

PRESERVING GAME FOR NATIVES

Recent events which have directed attention to the North West Territories and attracted population thereto have caused the Government to give careful consideration to new conditions which were seriously affecting wild life resources. Owing to the large influx of white trappers, both from other parts of Canada and from abroad, the wild life resources have been seriously threatened. The natives depend entirely on game for food and clothing and it was a question whether they could secure sufficient game to maintain themselves when the white man was allowed free access.

These natives, both Indians and Eskimos, are the wards of the Government, and if the game animals and fur-bearing on which they depend for existence were exterminated by the Government would have to ration these people and apart from the heavy expenditure thus incurred, the natives would under such conditions rapidly deteriorate both physically and morally.

In order to secure continued reproduction of beneficial forms of wild life in areas which from immemorial times have supported Indians and Eskimos, such areas have been set aside as native hunting and trapping preserves, and in order to protect the bona fide resident trapper and trader the license fees for non-resident trappers and traders have been increased, so far as the remainder of the Territories is concerned.

Changes in the Regulations, under the North West Game Act, have accordingly been authorized by Orders in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of the Interior, and in accordance with the advice of the Director of the North West Territories Branch.

Areas Reserved.

The areas set aside as hunting preserves comprise over 240,000 square miles and are located in different parts of the Territories so as to meet the needs of the scattered tribes. They are situated as follows:

Peel River Reserve.—An area lying between the Arctic Red River on the east and the Yukon boundary on the west and extending northward from the 66th parallel of latitude to the confluence of the Peel River with the Mackenzie River.

Yellowknife Preserve.—Comprising the area extending north and south between Great Slave Lake and Great Bear Lake and from the Capemaine River on the east to the chain of lakes from River La Martre to Great Bear Lake on the west.

Slave River Preserve.—Being a tract of land between the Taltson and LACÉ Buffalo Rivers and extending northward from Brule Point on Slave River to Great Slave Lake.

Victoria Island and Banks Island had already been created preserves by Order in Council, dated May 1, 1918.

License Fees Increased.

A new scale of fees has been established. In each case the fee for the resident remains as before, but the fee for non-residents has been trebled. The fees to be paid for a hunting and trapping license are: for a bona fide resident of the North West Territories, \$2; for a non-resident British subject, \$75; for other non-residents, \$150.

The fees for a license for trapping in game are: for a bona fide resident, \$5; for a non-resident British subject, \$150; for other non-residents, \$300.

The term "non-resident" is defined to mean a person who has not lived in the North West Territories four consecutive winters immediately prior to the date of the application for license.

Another regulation provides that no game shall be taken by any contrivance not approved by the Commissioner of the North West Territories, and no automatic rifles or shot guns shall be used, or be in the possession of any person other than members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The Musician's Assets.

The musician's assets are represented by the knowledge and experience he has stored up, the plant he has established (his studio, library, musical instruments, furniture), but most of all his experience and his reputation. Therefore the music worker should regard his every day as an opportunity to store up more and more better reputation through the excellence and outstanding character of his works. The value of his services depends very largely upon his reputation for producing meritorious work.

Reputations are usually accumulated very gradually through hard and serious effort. Sometimes a brilliant talent flashes itself into flame in a few hours. Such things are exceedingly rare. With confidence, public respect and power, musicians consider publicity seriously. Newspaper "puffs" are of no value unless there is a constantly growing public appreciation of the real artistic efforts of the musician.

And Then He Flew Away.

The class in natural history was reciting. Finally the teacher asked, "Where is the home of the swallow?" "Long silence and then a hand waved. "Robert, you may answer." "The home of the swallow," declared Robert seriously, "is in the stomach."

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