

UNDER THE LILAC TREE.

CHAPTER VI.

One morning when several visitors were at Westwood the conversation turned upon the Indian famine. We were all seated at luncheon. Some of the gentlemen remarked that a charitable country ours was what large sums of money were forthcoming when any great disaster occurred.

"You frighten me," she said. "Yes, I will go. Half an hour afterward fashionable self-indulgent Lady Yorke stood in the poorest cottage in Sandy Fields, looking round her in horror and dismay. Only a starving woman and a starving child were there; there was no fire, no food, no table, no chair, no bed. It was a most hopeless case.

must be governed by discretion. While the woman and child are ill, keep them; but afterward, although you can go on helping her, let her work for herself. It will be greater charity to place the means of saving her heart within her hands than to give her money enough to live upon."

"It is like herself," declared her ladyship. "Well, Miss Chester, we must have a party to meet them. Lord Severne himself does not care about society, but Lady Severne lives for it only. We must have plenty of visitors, and plenty of money to amuse her."

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HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

SOMETHING ABOUT GREAT BRITAIN AND HER COLONIES.

Aden by Moonlight - Its Fortifications - Bombay and the Bubonic Plague - New South Wales' Example.

The following letter written by the late General Sir H.M. Havelock to the London Daily Mail is especially interesting because of its colonial references.

Aden by moonlight seems to be a terrestrial paradise. I have, however, heard people who have seen it by daylight say that it is only a cinder, and that there is only a thin sheet of brown paper between it and the regions which will be the fitting reward for those poor political people who go astray in this world.

IN THEIR CONSEQUENCES politically in India for their having at last, under pressure of necessity, been withdrawn and repudiated by him, though not adequately apologized for, as there are some verbal injuries which no apology, however abject, can do away with and this infamous and abominable attempt to inflict a stigma upon the character of the splendid soldiers that constitute the 2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, formerly the 10th Bombay Light Infantry, will it is to be hoped, be recalled in the session of 1898, as similar unprovoked slights found too late to be absolutely untrue, were propagated now in another direction in furtherance of the radical cry against the forward policy.

THE COMMAND OF OUR TRADE route to India, Sumatra, China, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand, as is Gibraltar to protect the interests of our mercantile fleet in the Mediterranean, and in conjunction with Malta to secure the route to Port Said. The better Aden is fortified the more secure is our position in the far East, as with the adjunct of the island of Perim, we really have the entrance to the Red Sea in our hands.

While ashore I could not help noticing the favorable contrast the men of the Manchester Regiment make as compared with the School Board infants that compose other battalions at home - they were all stout men, with an average of seven years' service, and of whom any nation might be proud. In addition there is in garrison here the 10th Bombay Infantry, a regiment of Abyssinian fame, with black facings, composed principally of sturdy little Maharrattas, and there is a troop of cavalry from the Poona Horse.

Two garrison companies of the Royal Artillery are stationed here to man the heavy guns, and it may be incidentally mentioned that there is a torpedo field and signalling apparatus - electric and visual - in fact, it may be said to be a complete compendium of the defensive power of Great Britain.

IN LEAVING Aden in the splendid P. and O. steamer Shannon, so well commanded by Captain Cole, turning eastward across the Indian ocean, one begins to think as the ship rises and falls gracefully to the swell, that England has really been left behind, and that we shall soon approach the gorgeous and perhaps eclectic East. Five days will bring us to Bombay, which is more than ever.

WITH THE BUBONIC PLAGUE which seems now to be ravaging Poona, and about to fall with redoubled force on the capital of western India. I should like to mention here my appreciation of the great attention that the India Office in England, under the able direction of Lord George Hamilton, is taking to tackle the removal of the unexplored world offers more attractive prizes.

A wooden-headed doll should be carefully not to hit her head against her mother, lest she should hurt her. A doll should keep away from the rocking-chairs, as the rockers may crush her.

THE VERY LATEST FROM WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Great Britain, the United All Parts of the Globe, Col Assorted for Easy Reading. CANADA. Another case of smallpox reported at Montreal. Hamilton City Council has abolished statute labor tax. Toronto had 61 deaths 19 marriages during June. There is talk of a Treaty to cost \$90,000, being erected. The Montreal Herald office damaged to the extent of \$10,000. Chief Justice of Ontario has appointed High Constable of County. Mr. Mulock has given notice of motion of the bill to abolish annuities system. The value of exports from during January exceeded \$1 million dollars. Customs collections at first January show an increase over January 1897. A pulp mill is to be erected at Quebec with a million dollars. The financial statement of the C. P. R. shows the year's expenses \$83,098, and a deficit of \$1,000,000. The C. P. R. contemplates many improvements on the section of the system during the year. Lieut-Col. W. E. Hoaglin, Governor-General's Force, has been appointed A. D. C. to Governor-General. The Citizens' Light & Power Company's premises at Cote St. Real have been destroyed by loss of \$100,000. The Canadian Pacific Railway announce that their direct communication between Halifax and now open for business. Sir Adolphe and Lady Chalmers taken up their residence in and his Honor announces of resuming his practice of law. Dr. Roche, M. P. for Malting seriously ill in the Hospital, and will not be seen in the House of Commons some time. The duty collected at the London house for January last \$14, compared with \$26,303 for month last year, an increase. Miss Cole of Hamilton, aged 40, on Tuesday was found a mangled corpse in which case on Jackson street, being frozen stiff. F. W. Doshofsky of Vancouver secured \$2,000 damages from British Columbia Electric for the loss of his right arm of a tramway accident. The annual report of the Department of Marine just issued expenditure for the fiscal 1897-98, about \$39,700 less Parliamentary vote. Graham Waddell, a farmer established an agency in Toronto, suffering from what is known as an X-ray burn, which refuses to heal. Pressure is being brought upon the Government to plump for nickel ores. The bill left until Parliament meets on the subject. The customs returns for January, 1898, show a total amounting to \$44,733, a record with \$43,042.68 for 1897, an increase of \$1,711.15. The Customs Department received \$47,000 from the collieries of the Great West, the Dawson City, making \$85,000 received from the Yukon. Opening of navigation and a record. It is reported at Lethbridge Alberta Railway & Coal Company to McKenzie and Menzies-Teslin road steel rails of the road, and locomotives. The Vancouver Board of Health established an agency in Wash. to afford information concerning the advantages of the States cities in supplying the Klondike. Mr. Charles M. Hays, General of the G.T.R., denies that the Grand Trunk is itself in Premier Greenway's plan for building a line from Lake Superior. Henceforth the recording rights under the irrigation administered by the Northwest Territories Department of Public Works, instead of as heretofore by Ottawa. An outbreak of black diptheria reported at one of the camps. Crook's Nest Pass Railroad. Ten men from Nova Scotia were in a box car without medical aid or comfort. The Supreme Court of British Columbia has quashed the conviction of a miner for employment in the mines on the ground while the Act prohibited the employment of Chinese, it did not penalize for its infraction. Mr. Charles Stiff, formerly Superintendent of the Great Westway, will probably succeed Sir Smith as Secretary of the Board of Trade. Mr. Smith's resignation has been accepted, as a result of the resignation of the Board of Trade. Another fire insurance company has been formed by its head Toronto. The company will be the Equity Fire Insurance Company. It has an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, and paid-up capital so far \$100,000. A report comes from Salt Lake of trouble in the Yukon between Canadian police, and the American expedition, and it is suggested police at Lethbridge ordered to hold themselves ready.