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CHAPTER III.

you men up?" mist wreathes of early mornthe very last of them, were slowly ing away like dainty long-skirted hes from the hollow below the ca-, and the top half of the sun was Sowned the rise to the east of the amp, when Mrs. Rolt's head was proabove question.

But no one answered her. The fire had been made up and the men's still a trifle damp and straight. blankets were hung on the bars of the corral, but there was no other sign of life if you except a grey bird like a jay, who was making a careful inspection of relics.

"No one here, Kitty," Mrs. Rolt called back into the cabin. "Now is our chance to make our toilet, and of course that dear old Jim has everything fixed for us, basin and water and towels. Makes me feel quite 'to home':as he'd say."

"How do you know that it was

"How do I know, you ungrateful time in the morning." girl? Hasn't Jim done these things "It is a trick you will owe your steak "I think that you are very hard on tions for breakfast. my new chum," said the girl, showing | Before that meal was over, the In- see who they were for sure, and maydisordered hair.

"And I think that you are hard on your old-friend," retorted Mrs. Rolt. he said. She had almost said more than she "Fairclough's boys been hunting, had intended to, but caught herself expect," said Jim, "though it's a long up in time and buried her face health- way for them to come for deer meat. ily in the basin to hide her confusion. I saw their tracks. Didn't you notice

"Well?" blowing the soapsuds out right. Anstruther?" of her eyes and shaking the water from her wet hair. "What an object you do look, dear.

It's lucky your fringe is natural." Is that all you wanted to say, Dick. Miss? I am all natural and so were "What does he say?" asked Anstruyou before you went back to England. ther Now you must needs wear that: "Says he thinks they were Chilcothing!" and she pointed indignantly tin Indians. Why do you think so, to a portion of Kitty's looks which Dick?" that charming maiden carried in her . "Me see old camp. See plenty little

"You must wear a toupee in Eng- "You come along, Jim, I show you." land. How would you keep your head | The two went away together, and smart without one."

Mrs. Rolt held up her hands with a they did so, even Kitty could see that I'll show you. gesture of horror.

breakfast at any rate. Smart! That Roll is your gospel nowadays. Who said "Chilcotins. Khelowna's band that you must be smart. I loathe think." smart people."

"You prefer-Jim." "Yes, infinitely. Jim is a man."

a lot of making.' "Would you not rather that Jim had of fawn-colored hide.

broncho buster to be a man?" want to lie. Indeed downright truth- can't prevent them, can you? There's fulness was one of her occasionally no game law in this free country."

the language of a country if he wants as to make it swallow-tailed. to be understood in it. You used to "Why, that is our mark, Jim," cried understand Jim well enough before the Boss's wife. you went home.

"I thought your complaint was that missing lately." he was not sufficiently artificial- "The Boss won't like that." emart, I mean."

"He isn't that, either. But hurry up. Here they come," and the two ladies whisked round the corner and into the seclusion of their cabin, to put on the last finishing touches.

A minute later they were congratulating Combe and Anstruther upon a wing through the timber which fine buck which the two slung in the

"Who shot it, Jim? You, of course," Fuded from the cabin door to ask the asked Kitty, her dainty head as trim as if she had just parted from her maid, though Mrs. Rolt's fringe was

"No, Mr. Anstruther killed him." "And that is all I had to do with it," added Anstruther. "Combe found his tracks; I went right away from them, walked all over the country until was beginning to grow tired. He told

"Jim had him picketted for you," away."

Miss Kitty. T'aint much of a trick to hated to give it up. know where a buck would be this!

ever since we came to the country. to, more than to my rifle," retorted You don't suppose that your new Anstruther generously, and then bechum would ever have thought of it?" tween them they set about prepara- single-handed."

a delightfully rosy face in a mist of dian Pretty Dick came up with the be get proofs against them."

them going up that first rise to ou "No. I saw nothing. I was looking

for a deer." "Not Fairclaw crowd, Jim. Milks tum tum Chilcotins," put in Pretty

sticks go this way," pointing south. after a short absence returned. When

something had gone wrong. "Spare me that word, Kitty, before, "What is it, Jim?"-asked Inits.

> "That doesn't matter, does it?' Old gested the bed of an unseen rider. Khelowna is all right. They won't

bother us?" "I did not say so. I don't know. He won't. Old Khelowna is as tame as a will take you eight hours' riding to ments. An average of the results ob- lows: Jan., 171; Feb., 300; March, fire burning all around her? may be one in embryo, but he'll take wet hen, but I don't like that," and he get to the river where those big red tained at the Ohio, Pennsylvania and 437; April, 469; May, 339; June, 266;

some of your pet aversions 'making' Anstruther took it and turned it in the English language, for instance. over in his hand. "A buck's ear," he Or is it necessary to talk like a said, in the tone of a squire who had ranche by five." found a rabbit wire. "The beggars Polly Rolt hesitated. She did not have been shooting our deer, but you you could camp."

painful characteristics, but she did "No, we can't stop them shooting not like to admit any blemishes in her deer and don't want to. There's plenty enough now. The storm of the for all, but that's not a buck's car. "Oh, well, fine English is as easy to The Risky Ranch don't mark deer." put on, for a man like Jim, as your | Anstruther saw then that the ear toupee is for you. A man must speak had been cut in a peculiar fashion, so

"That's what I'm thinking,

"And now I don't. He seems to me Rolt. That's our mark sure. to have changed. In some way he does Boss will have to keep an eye on those not seem to be natural any more." | fellows. There's been a lot of stock

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me to get my rifle ready at the foot of what I'm going to say, but there's no I mean to camp alongside those fel-eleven months, than the average for five settings of eggs and \$4.50 end is set in the settings of eggs and \$4.50 end is set in the settings of eggs and \$4.50 end is set in the settings of eggs and \$4.50 end is set in the settings of eggs and \$4.50 end is set in the settings of eggs and \$4.50 end is set in the set i a hog's back, and as we peeped over, help for it. We've got to give up our lows." said 'shoot!' That is all I knew of shoot and go back. We'll have to He turned, calling Anstruther to fol- his horse. So a good dairyman knows fit of \$75.37.

Jim laughed. "Picketted to his feed, forward to her shooting picnic and

"What should you do if we were not with you, Jim," she asked.

"Follow them right away." "But you couldn't take them

"No, nor don't want to, but I could fort that the pinch comes.

"Why could we not go with you. "Plenty man track in the swamp," Jim?" suggested Kitty. "It would be better fun than hunting. I'm a borr

> The girl's bright face was all alive! with excitement. The thought of fear had never yet entered her head. To tell-the truth there are in British Columbia no terrible legends of Indian warfare to shake any one's nerves. There, the ordinary Siwash is a peaceable creature unless he drunk, and then it is the white man's

"Yes, it would be better fun. Miss Kitty, but not so safe. I think we had better all of us go back to the ranche and get the boys out, unless you think. Mrs. Rolt, that you could find the way back without me."

fault for making him so.

"I could try. Where is the ranche from here?" "Come to the top of the rise and

Together they rode to the edge of see bench upon bench of grey cattle of starch or its equivalent; 100 lbs. which makes quite a col I land, bounded by low hills in the far of swede turnips have .3 lbs of pro- house, wittes W. J. Rame distance, near which a depression sug-

"That's the Fraser and these are the Ground Hog mountains," Jim thus shown by its chemical composi- which were laying in December, 1914, consolidation when she perpetually while he indulges his love of ease and "I suppose not. No, of course, they said, pointing to the hills beyond. "It tion is borne out in feeding experiand for each month they laid as fol- has to throw men into the fringe of luxury; and getting others to do hi held out for inspection a small piece bluffs crop up. You know them. You Vermont experiment stations in the July, 288; Aug., 248; Sept., 204; Oct.,

nine o'clock now."

"Yes, but there's no place where

shouldn't want to camp." before had cleared the air so that it was more brilliantly lucid than usual, When three-quarters of the silage ra- those we set we raised 36 chickens, 14 and the long sloping lands radiant in the morning sunshine and sweet with of roots the milk produced fell from cockerels which, at a fair market the strong scent of the sage brush, were eminently provocative of a gal- age ration was replaced by roots the cember averaged \$1.05, or a total of name.

perhaps of his rider's heel, began to replaced by roots the milk production dance about and pull at his bridle as was increased to 105 lbs. Thus the if he would drag the swaying girlish maximum result was obtained when figure from the saddle.

"No, nor I'm afraid you won't like That was how he loved to see her. Had he not taught her to ride when she was but the ten-year-old darling amount of food produced from an acre of the ranche, and was not the handsome beast who carried her now the At the Central Experiment Farm at colt on which he had expended such Ottawa in the season of 1913 the yield endless trouble whilst she was away of roots and mangels was 17 tons per in England? ·

> and harder to leave her to spend it crops must be compared not on the with that haw-haw young fool from bulk of product but on the amount of the Old Country.

> by yourself, Mrs. Rolt," he said, "nor this way, on the amount of starch or I don't like spoiling your pleasure, its equivalent produced per acre, as but those fellows will be out of the 100 lbs. of mangels only contain 6 lbs. country before we can get on to their of starch equivalent while silage contrail if I don't get a move on."

> stand here talking any longer. What produced per acre and 2,064 lbs. in are you going to do with Pretty the case of the silage. That is, about Dick?"

your ictas. I don't want him too near two on the basis of protein the evime. He is a Chilcotin himself, if he dence is decidedly in favor of the silis half civilized. But hold on a min- age. The cost of growing the man-

ing far away to the west.

"Yes, here they are." Jim fumbled with them for some time. Like many outdoor men in the West he was not very familiar with while others cease giving milk at the

"They ain't no good to me. Guess former are the more profitable class take a look through them for me. give them a fair deal. Anxious to se-Ain't that smoke there to the west?" cure as much milk as possible, it is

Anstruther looked and Jim watch-

"No, not there," he said irritably." "Lord! a man could count the rings on a rattler that far. Away beyond on the next big bench towards the river near those clumps of pine."

Anstruther could not see the pines. He saw a dark line, but that it meant pines was not obvious to him as it seemed to Jim's naked eye.

Mrs. Rolt took the glasses from him. "Let me try," she said. "I know what to look for. That is half the battle," and then, after a short scrutiny, she said:-

"Yes, I believe that there is a column of smoke or mist just to the right of the pines."

"It ain't mist. There's no swamp up there. I'll bet my socks that's their

round up those cattle thieves right low him, and rode after Pretty Dick's wagon, from which they returned with or eight weeks and feeding her well Kitty's face fell. She had looked all the blankets they could carry. "You and me will have to rough it tonight, but it won't hurt us any, if

we keep up a good fire." warm sunlight the prospect of a cold, should not have the best of care and sleepless night does not seem very feed. Straw and roots alone do not terrible. It is when the slow hours contain sufficient nutriment to nour- not a war of victories, but a give you time to think of your discom- ish the growing calf and allow the extermination for his species.

your blankets, behind.

(To be continued.)

## The Farm

Feeding Value of Roots and Silage. which there is much difference of necessary. opinion among practical farmers. If we compare the two on the amount of nutrients they contain, we find that silage is preferable.

average about .4 lb. of protein and in a small yard 14 x 20 ft., part 8.6 lbs. of starch or its equivalent, which was separated for small cl 100 lbs. of mangels (medium size), ens. The house is 8 x 12 ft. -plateau, from which they could have 1 lb. of protein and about 6 lbs. boarded, covered with ready tein and 7.5 lbs. of starch or its adian Farm.

The extra feeding value of silage old hens, and 17 pullets; several of date her conquests, but what good is trusting to Allah-to take care of h cent. more milk was produced by 252 1-6 doz. Five of the hens we set

day ing a mixture of half silage and half tion over 35 cents per dozen, total roots rather than using either alone. amount for eggs, \$89.18. From milk production rose to 108 lbs., when Kitty's horse, not entirely innocent one-quarter of the silage ration was half roots and half silage were fed; if Jim's eyes dwelt on her hungrily, more roots were added to the ration the flow of milk decreased.

It is interesting to compare the of roots and from an acre of silage. acre and that of silage 12 tons per It was hard to give up this holiday, acre. But for feeding purposes these food nutrients produced per acre. By "I don't half like letting you go back comparing the mangels and silage in tains 8.6 lbs of starch equivalent, we "Don't worry about us, Jim, we can find that in the case of mangels 2,040 get home all right, only we must not lbs. of starch or its equivalent was the same amount of starch was pro-"Send him along with you with duced in each case. If we compare the gels was \$36.35 per acre or \$2.14 per . He stood shading his eyes and look- ton. The cost of growing the silage was \$22.03 per acre or \$1.84 per ton. "You haven't got that pair of That is, it cost about thirty cents less glasses with you, have you, Anstru- to produce a ton of silage than a ton of mangels .- Canadian Countryman.

> Feeding the Farrow Cow. Some cows are persistent milkers, end of seven or eight months. The properly. You to keep, but many dairymen do not

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camp. Tell you what, Mrs. Rolt, if a temptation to continue milking a \$23.10. A total income from you've a mind to come along, I've al- cow that will give milk, until a few whole flock of \$133.28. most a mind to take you. They might weeks of the time of freshening, says | The feed consisted principally not suspicion anything if they saw Farmer's Advocate. While the pre- wheat and oats, supplemented with ladies along and so give me a show sent gain may be a few cents, the buckwheat, cracked corn, ground bone, to see more'n I would if I went by my future loss, both in strength of calf beef scraps, rolled oats, oil cake, corn and the quantity of milk during the meal, bran, shorts, oyster shell Kitty clasped her hands and let her following lactation period, may be chick feed, mangels, and a considercounted in the dollars. The dairy cow able amount of green feed from the "Hold on," cried Jim. "You'll want is a machine, and a profitable cow garden and also all the table scraps some blankets, won't you? We shan't works harder seven days of the week, we could conveniently get; total cost make it back to the ranche to-night. for a period varying from eight to for feed \$50.91, added to this \$2.50 mile is see horse. A good horseman likes to rest for the hens we lost leaves a net prothat, by giving his cow a rest of six between lactation periods, she will produce more milk annually that if How Rudyard Kipling Sees Situation deprived of this rest. Because the - When the War Ends cow is not giving milk, during the The other made no objection. In the rest period, is no reason why she trate the Teuton's head that Britain are better informed cow to gain in flesh. In order to en-Then you vow that you will for the sure a heavy flow of milk, the cow point than we were a year as future leave your grub, rather than must be in good condition at time of freshening, and with a cow in thrifty condition there is less trouble in calving. A liberal quantity of that the Teuton be killed clover or alfalfa hay, along with since he cannot be killed in mixture of corn, silage and straw, sale. with two or three pounds of concentrates daily, is a suitable ration for from his present lines. He a cow due to freshen in a few weeks. because he would have that action to his own If the cow, due to calve, is stabled she should have exercise, but not chased by dogs or allowed to go where it is slippery. A few days previous to the time of freshening she The relative value of roots and sil- should be put in a comfortable well- That is the end whereto age in the stock dietary is a question bedded box stall and watched closely, are forcing us, despite which is often discussed and about so that assistance may be given if

Profits From Poultry.

I enclose a report of the results obtained from a flock of 24 Barred Ply-Thus, 100 lbs. of silage has on the mouth Rock fowl, kept on a city lot

The flock consisted on 7 one year fronts. She can defend and consoli- happy-go-lucky mi we killed early in the summer, only ried on at MacDonald College, Que- gives them a better average than at and political trenches. we bec, which also shows the advantage first appears. Reckoning the eggs "Those who till the soil will be rich laudable objects as railway extension of silage over roots where milch cows we consumed at the same price as after the war; those who do not will and education, but all that happens is "There's no telling. It looks fine are concerned, but the benefit of feed- those we sold they averaged a frac- be poor, but there will be no more tion was replaced by an equal weight pullets, which we value at \$21, and 22 100 lbs. to 97 lbs. When half the sil- price in November and early in De-

Rudyard Kipling says:

"The idea is beginning to P

When a whole nation go

perish by her own act; from the concan see the ranche from there. It's States show that about three per 161; Nov., 70; Dec., 73; a total of sequences of the law that she profess-"Then we could be in sight of the feeding silage than by feeding man- early in May, three died, and five sound extravagant, but all that will tions, but he only makes them to remain will be a few people, living on break them. He plans wonderful An interesting experiment was car- leaving 16 by the 1st of Aug., which the eternal defensive in moral, social schemes for the good of his country-

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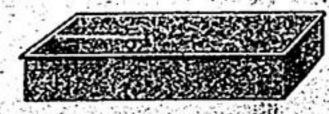
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## A Dream Which Has Vanished.

is all that matters, he sees to.

The aristocratic caste in Germany entered the war expecting as easy a victory as they obtained over France in 1870. They thought that their preparedness exceeded that of the other countries, as much as their preparedness in 1870 exceeded that of France. Reasoning from that basis, they would have had France subjugated, England humiliated, Russia on her knees and Belgium annexed-all inside a year. Now, this dream has vanished, and the only hope that still sustains the aristocrats is that there will be some breach of the Allies, which will enable them to retire from the war with credit. Every evidence of temper-among the latter is against this hope. It does not seem likely today that the Allies will consent to peace that does not involve the evacuation and compensation of Belgium and Serbia, and lat least, autonomy for Alsace-Lorraine.

Mabel-Was your bazaar a success : Gladys-Yes; indeed; the minister vill have cause to be grateful. Mabel-How much were the -- p

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