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Forgive me, my soul, if I did doubt thee," he almost sobbed.

The girl was the first to recover her self-control.

"Put away your pistol," she said fixing her fine eyes on Malcolm, with a softness in their limpld depths that he had never seen there before. we can contrive, my plighted husband and I, you will not need it to-night. was rejoiced to hear that you were within our gates. We are beaten. know it. We have lost a kingdom, because wretches like Nana Dundhu Punt of Bithoor, have forgotten their oaths and preferred drunken revels to empire. Were they of my mind, were they as loyal and honorable as the man I hope to marry, we would have Malcolm-sahib. But Allah willed Say, then, if you are sent in safety your camp, do you in return guarantee the two lives I ask of you?"

Malcolm could not help looking at Akhab Khan before he answered The handsome young soldier had fold ed his arms, and his eyes dwelt or Roshinara's animated face with a sac fixity that bespoke at once his love and his despair.

Then the Englishman placed th revolver in his belt and howed low be fore the woman who reposed such confidence in him.

"If the issue rested with me, Prin cess," he said, "you need have no fear and I would remind you that we Eng. known." lish neither make war on woman nor Frank listened to his servant's enu-

command that your people were clain. of Chumru's mental note-taking. And Akhab Khan has never drawn his "I need not have gone at all, sir," he at short range against the fast crumbsword save in fair fight."

mercy," said Malcolm, generously,

nive at the giving of information to - Then his voice sank to a deep growl. | The loud yell of the Rifles served an enemy which should lead to the "But I'll bring him to reason, I will,

Malcolm had foreseen this pitfail in the smooth road that was seemingly opening before him.

"I would prefer to become the bearer lered for insubordination: of terms than of information," he said "Terms? What terms? How many hands in this city are free of innocent blood? Were I or any other to propose a surrender we should be torn

When I undertook this mission I knew deadliest task of all, slackens conditions within these four walls." | said that the bravest man was he

the temperament that shows anger by the token which reveals cowardice in some men; It is well to beware of him who enters a fight with bloodless cheeks and gray lips. But Roshinars. sprang between them with an eager

itself on a point of honor? Does not every spy who brings us details each gun and picket on the Ridge tell the sahib-log all they wish to know of our strength and our dissensions? our midst to-day go back and sell the news of a sepoy regiment's threat to murder the King? Have done with these idle words-let us to acts! Nawab-ji!"

"Heaven-born!" Malcolm's advanced with a deep salaam. "See to it that my orders are ried out. Mayhap thine own head may rest easier on its shoulders

The nawab-ji bowed again, and as sured the Presence that there would be no lapse on his part. Akhab Khar had turned away. His attitude be tokened utter dejection, but the Prin cess, not the first of her sex to barter ambition for love, was radiant with

"Go, Malcolm-sahib," she whispered "I have one favor to ask," he say

"My devoted servant, a man name who breathes freely once more after passing through some grave peril.

"How, then, do you think I four

out the identity of the English officer who had dared to enter Delhi?" sh asked. "Your man came to me, without difficulty, and told me y were here. It was he who ins me with the thought that your prence might be turned to good ac-

hand and raised it to his lips, a mo usual proceeding in the East, but he tribute of respect seemed

Following the nawab he traversed many corridors and chambers and ulti- al and human these words must have terrific melee ensued. Twenty-five mately reached an apartment in which sounded in their ears, for it should out of fifty guaners were killed or Chumru was seated. That excellent ever be borne in mind that the Bri- wounded, the 9th Lancers suffered bearer was smoking a hookah, with a tons who recovered india in '57 were with equal severity, but the rebeis couple of palace servants, and doubt- not only determined to avenge the bar were held, punished, and defeated, freedom of Eastern manners and con-

times when women are useful."

They were let down from a window ward. did he forget to put forth a plea in recesses of the fort and its occupants. When Nicholson came out of the mess after supper he found Malcolm still wearing the servant's livery in which the famous brigadier had last near his master. The general was not apt to waste time in talk; and he had a singular knack of reading men's

Malcolm," he cried. "I hope you were

further preamble Frank gave a clear parrative of his adventures since dawn. Not a word did he say about; the very things he had been sent to that a direct order alone would unlock his lips. When Frank ended the general frowned and was silent. In those days men did not hold honor lightly, and Nicholson was a fine type of sol- escalade of the fortress-palace. Nich dier and gentleman.

colm felt bitterly that the extraordi- cess Roshinara. Strict orders were nary turn taken by events in the palace given that the King and members of otherwise and we can only bow to his was in a fair way towards depriving the royal family were to be taken pri decree. It is Kismet. I am content. his superiors of the facts they were soners if possible. As for Akhab man

"Here, you," he growled, "was aught said to thee whereby thou hast a could ask his men to be generous in fend the Cashmere Gate?"

"Huzoor," said Chumru, "there are but two things that concern me, my master's safety and the size of that jaghir your honor promised me."

"By gad," he cried, "you are fortucer and I have small influence. Yet hir is of no mean size," he said, "but men to trust in him implicitly. I promise that such power as I pos I shall see to it that a field is added sess shall be exerted in your behalf, for every useful fact, you make Nicholson turned to Malcolm and

treat honorable enemies as felons." | meration of the guns and troops at the said "My father is a feeble old man," she Lahore, Mori, and Cashmere Gates, cried vehemently. "It was not by his and he was surprised at the accuracy ling over the broken ground to reach

could not help commenting when the ling walls. In No. 2, which Malcoim "I can vouch for Akhab Khan's bearer had answered Nicholson's final entered, he found a young lieutenant treatment of those who were at his question. "I seem to have a Napoleon of artillery, Frederick Sleigh Roberts,

done in this exchange of compliments. | "You forget that you have brought with the rebel gunners during the "But if I have the happiness to find me the most important news of all," seven days and nights. such favor with my lady that she plots he said. "The enemy is defeated beto save me against my will I cannot fore the first ladder is planted against batteries became silent. With a heartforget that I lead some thousands of their walls. They know it, and, thanks stirring cheer the Rifles dashed for sepoys who have faith in me. You to you, now we know it. My only re- ward and fired a volley to cover the have been examining our defenses all maining difficulty is not to take Delhi, advance of the ladder-men, and the day. Sooner would I fall on my sword but to screw up our Chief to make the first step was taken in the actual cap-

by Heaven, even if I risk being cash-

CHAPTER XVII. The Expiation

Two hours after midnight-that a time of rest and peace in most lands. "Then I must tell you that I cannot Men have either ceased or not yet beaccept your help at the price of silence, gun their toil. Even warfare, the its penalties. I am still prepared to energy, and the ghostly reaper leans abide by them. Let me remind you on his scythe while wearied soldiers that it is I, not you, who can impose sleep. Wellington knew this when he sed "two-o'clock-in-the-morning for shadows then become

Yet, soon after two e'clock in morning of September 14, 1857, four thousand five hundred soldiers assem bled behind the Ridge for the greatest achievement that the Mutiny had de manded during the four months of its wonderful history. They were divided into five columns, one being a reserve. and the task before them was to carry by assault a strongly fortified surrounded by seven miles of wall and ditch, held by forty thousand trained soldiers and equipped with ample store of guns and ammunition. Success meant the certain loss of one man among four-failure would carry with it a rout and massacre unexampled in modern war.

Men had fallen in greater numbers in the Crimea, it is true-a British army had been swallowed alive in the wild Khyber Pass-but these were only incidents in prolonged campaigns. whereas the collapse of the assailants of Delhi would set free a torrent of nurder, rapine and pillage, such as the utmost triumph of the rebels had

not yet produced. The Punjab, the whole of the Northwest, Central India, and Rajputana, all northern Bengal and Bombay, must have been submerged in the flood if the gates of Delhi were unbarred. It s not to be marvelled at, therefore, that General Wilson, the Command in-Chief, "looked nervous and anxiou as he rode slowly along the front of ceived the Holy Communion at the tions against Asiatics.

heir last parade. In some tents, of their own accord the soldiers read the Old Testame esson of the day. With that extra ordinary aptness which the chre of the prophets often display in their the siege, fortify the strongb sword shall cut thee off; it shall eat thee up like the canker-worm.",

How thrilling, how intensely person | cent norse artiflery tackled th less exchanging spicy gossip with the barities inflicted on unoffending wo after two hours of desperate conflict. men and children, but were inspired. The mischance at the Labore Gate by a religious enthusiasm that showed cost England a life that she could ill. And now, while the brilliant stars tion, gathered men from both col-

were dimmed by bursting sheus and j umns and tried to storm the Lahore the tomb of Nizam-ud-din, there are rockets hissing in glowing carves Bastion at all hazards. It was asking

> English, Scotch, Irish and Welshper little Ghoorkahs-marched side by side, from the first column on the left, commanded by Nicholson, to the fourth, on the extreme right, led by

his own behalf against the hour when the plan of attack was daring and fell.

British bayonets would be probing the soldier-like. John Nicholson, ever w elected to hurl his men across the breach made by the big guns in the many strong positions held by the Brigadier Jones, was to storm the Water Bastion. The third, headed by Colonel Campbell, was to pass through the Cashmere Gato when the gallant "Glad to see you back again, Major six who had promised to blow open the gate itself had accomplished their tach while the fourth column, under Major Reid, undertook to clear the suburbs of Kishengunge and Pahadunpore and

Brigadier Longfield, commanding it reserve, had to follow and suppor Nicholson. Generally speaking, each separate attack made good its objective, the different columns were and combine for the bombardment and olson, who directed the ressult, had "Confound it!" he growled, "this is not forgotten the half-implied bargain awkward, very awkward," and Mal- made between Malcolm and the Prin was impossible to distinguish them among so many. Not even Nicholson scruple to tell me how many guns de giving quarter, when nine out of every ten mutineers they encountered were less soldiers than slayers of women

At last, in the darkness, the columns reached their allotted stations an Nicholson laughed with an almost halted. The engineers, carrying lad ders, crept to the front.

Nicholson placed a hand on Jones's "Are you ready?" he asked, with the nate in your friends, Malcolm. Then quiet confidence in the success of hi for the future, I am only a poor offi he turned to Chumru again. "The jag- self-imposed mission that caused al

> "Yes," answered Jones. two others of his aides. "Tell the gunners to cease fire." h

Left and right they hurried, stumb the batteries, which were thundering working a heavy gun almost single-"Nay, sahib, you repaid me that The brigadier laid a kindly hand on handed, so terribly had the royal regiment suffered in the contest waged

as a signal to the other columns. The second, gallantly led by Jones, rushed up to the Water Bastion and entered but not until twenty-nine out of thirty-nine men carrying ladders were killed or wounded. On Jones's right, lift his column by sheer strength of will through an avalanche of musketry, heavy stones, grape-shot and bayonet thrusts, while the rebels, swarming like wasps to the breach, inspired each other by hurling threats and mach for that sort of fight, they ran. sacrifice displayed by the six who had promised to blow open the Cashmere Gate. To this day their names are blazoned on a tablet between its two arches-"Lieutenants Home and Salkeld of the Engineers, Bugler Hawthorne of the 52nd and Sergeants Carmichael. Smith and Burgess of the Bengal Sappers." Smith and Hawthorne lived to wear the Victoria Crosses awarded for their feat. others, while death glazed their eyes and dimmed their ears, may have known by the rush of men past where they lay that their sacrifice had not been in vain. The stout timbers and fron bands were rent by the powder bags, and the third column fought a passage through the double gateway into the tiny square in front of St.

James's Church. Then, as if the story of Delhi were smiles and frowns in human affairs. the victorious career of the British umns received a serious, almost a mortal check. The mutineers were in full retreat, terror-stricken and discrossing the bridge of boats when the word went round that the Feringhis

They were not, but the over-caution gainst which Nicholson had railed for months again betrayed itself in apture the Lahore Gate when that vital position lay at its mercy. Auda city, ever excellent in war, is soun as a proposition in Euclid in opera-

Brigadier and men had done wha hey were asked to do-they ought to have done more. Having penetrated beyond the Mori Bastion they fel back and fortified themselves against ounter assault, thus displaying un Instantly Akhab Khan, who comman ed in that guarter of the city, claims the counter attack as far as Hip Rao's house on the Ridge, until Hope Grant's cavalry and Tomb's magnifi-

across the sky, the columns moved for- too much, but those gallant hearts dfd not falter. They followed their il beloved leader into a narrow lane, swarthy Pathans, bearded Sikhs, dap- the only way from the one point to the other. They fell in scores, but Nicholson's giant figure still towered in front. With sword raised he shouted to the survivors to come on. Then a bullet struck him in the chest and he

With him, for a time, drooped the flag of Britain. The utter confusion which followed is shown by Lord Robert's statement in his Memoirs that he found Nicholson lying in a dhooly near the Cashmere Gate, the native carriers having fled. Although Baird Smith, s skilled engineer and artillerist, had secured against a coup de main that small portion of the city occupied by the besiegers, General Wilson was minded to withdraw the troops. Even now he considered the task of subduing Delhi to be beyond their powers, Baird Smith insisted that he should hold on. Nicholson sent a typical message from his deathbed on the Ridg that he still had strength enough lef to struggle to his feet and pistol the first man who counseled retreat, and the harassed commander-in-chief con sented to the continuance of th

Although his judgment was mistaken he had good reasons for it. Akha Khan, on whom the real leadership devolved when it became known that the King and his sons had fled from the palace, tried a ruse that might well have proved fatal to his adversaries. Counting on the exhaustion of the British and the privations they had endured during the long months on the Ridge, he caused the asserted streets, between the Cashmere and Mori Gates to be strewn with bottles of wine, bear and spirits. To men enfeebled by heat and want of food the liquor was more deadly than lead or steel. Were it not that Akhab Kahn himself was shot through the forehead while trying to repel the advance of Taylor's engineers along the main road to the palace from the Cashmere Gate, it was well within the bounds of possibility that the afternoon of the 14th might have witnessed a British debacle

In one respect the sepoy commander's death was as serious to his cause as the loss of Nicholson to the English. The rebels, fighting fiercely enough in small detachments, but no longer controlled by a man who knew how to use their vastly superior numbers, allowed themselves to be dealt with in detail. Soon the British attack was properly organized, and a six days' orgy of destruction began.

Although no Briton was seen to infure a woman or child in the streets of Delhi, the avenging army passed no man. Unhappily thousands of harmless citizens were slaughtered side by side with the mutineers. The British had received a great provocation and they exacted a terrible payment. On the 20th the gates of the parace were battered in and the British flag was hoisted from its topmost turret. Then, and not till then, did Delhi fall. The last of the Moguls was driven from the halls which had witnessed the grandeur and point of his imperial predecessors, and the great city had passed into the bards of the new race that had come to leaven the decaying East. It was a dearly-bought triumph. On September 14 the conquering army lost sixty-six officers and eleven hundred and four men. Between May 30 and September 20 the total, British casualties were nearly four thousand.

Malcolm soon learned that the Princess Rochinara had fled with her father and brothers. Probably the death of Akhab Khan had unnerved her, and she dared not trust to the of the victors. Frank was among the first to enter the palace. After a few fanatical ghazees were made an end of, he hurrled towards the zenana. It was empty. He scarched its glittering apartments with feverish anxiety, but he met no human being until some men of the 75th entered and began to

search for loot. After that his duties took him to the Ridge, and it was not until all was over that he heard how Hodson had captured the King and shot the royal princes with his own hand. This tragedy took place on the road from Humayun's Tomb, Whither wretched monarch retreated when it was seen that Delhi must yield. rlodson claimed to be an executioner, not a murderer. He held that he acted under the pressure of a mob, intent on rescuing Mirza Moghul, the heir apparent, and his brother and son. That all three were cowardly ruffians and merciless in their treatment of the English captured in Delhi on May 11, advance on Lucknow.

when Havelock, re-enforced by Out-

ram, drove the relief force through the insurgent ring around the Residency like some stout ship forcing her way to port through a raging sea.

No sooner had he entered the enfrenchment on the 25th of Sept. than the rebel waves surged together again in his rear, and on the 27th the Residency was again invested almost as closely as ever. But the new, column infused vigor and hope in the hearts | ning last under the auspices of the Mrs. C. W. Leadley. of a garrison that had ceased even to stella baseball club. Music was fur- berry, Watertown, N.Y., is visiting prices and cold-storage corners. despair. Apathy, a quiet waiting for nished by Davis and McDonald's or- relatives here. leath, was the prevalent attitude in chestra. A good crowd was present Lucknow until the Highland bonnets | the str. Pierrepont was favored by a of mutineers that tried to bar their i from the island to Kingston on Satpassage through the streets. At once urday last; 166 return tickets were The lines were greatly extended, the as handled. W. J. Fleming, I.H.C., nemy's advanced posts were carried agent, Kingston, has been spending with the bayonet, troublesome/guns a few days on the island. were seized and spiked and the rebel Preston, tax collector, has been makmining operations summarily stopped, ing his rounds. Mrs. R. Filson Two days before Havelock's little | Ralph Filson, Kingston, spent Saturarmy cut its way into Lucknow. Un- lay on the island. Visitors: Joseph

ing relief. He was not believed home from the west. Twice already had he brought that cheering message and events had falsi-

by a religious enthusiasm that showed cost England a life that she could he assure the near bloom gar, and tracks, Ringston, and spare. When he heard what had hap joy of Havelock's arrival was dimmed Tolls, Inversey. John Schermerhorn pened, Nicholson ran to the Mori Bas for her by the uncertainty that ob has moved to Odessa and is selling assure the heart-broken girl, so the Parks, Kingston, and Mrs. W. aR. let, at John Moorhead's. tained in regard to her lover's fate. (To be Continued.)

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WHAT WHIG CORRESPONDENTS recovery. Emerson Babcock HAVE TO TELL

Yews From Villages and Farms Throughout the Adjoining Cour ties-Rural Events, and Move his sawing machine through ments of the People

News From Bethel.

Bethel, Dec. 10.-Buyers for potatoes are very plentiful these last few weeks and good prices are being offered. cannot be denied, but Hodson's action Those having turkeys realised fine pri- | Scales has moved to the place purwas condemned by many, and it was ces at Napanee turkey fair. The Boy chased from James McKeever. Mrs. perhaps as well that he found a sol. Scout concert was a success and they Thomas Ryder has gone to Newdier's grave during Colin Campbell's are to be congratulated in every way. burgh to be with her son-in-law, T. Miss Grace Danford visited her friend H. Quinn, who was badly injured It was there that the fortune of war Miss Olive Salsbury, from Friday till his mill last week. A party next brought Malcolm. Delhi had Monday and attended the concert at held at Zara Balls'. Dr. and Mrs. and fury of the week's street fighting at Yarker on Saturday evening. Quite Miss Nellie Medcop. Holleford, is a meeting on Monday evening. last week. George Rose has left these leigh, employed in the government parts for the Northern country to mint, is home on a visit. Mark work in a mine. Ross McWilliams and Davey, Almeda, Man., is here on a sister, Leta, attended the tea-meeting | visit to relatives. Dr. W. Nichols, at Desmond on Tuesday evening.

Stella Reports.

held in Victoria hall on Friday eve- ten, Perth, is visiting her sister, ane day to make the special trip d took up the offensive, | sold, also a large amount of freight gud, the pensioner, crept in to the re- Saunders, Buffalo; F. Addis, Wolfe trenchment and announced the com- Island. R. D. Glenn has returned Kingston last week. Master Ethel

> At Evergreen Valley, his farm implements and stock. . Mrs.

daughter's, Mrs. Charles cock's, is in a very dangerous dition. There is little hope of her Mrs. E. Pero, Holleford, are at their sister's, Mrs. Charles Babcock's, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Babcock, Wilton, have moved on Mrs. D. Walker's farm. Marshall Belicook is again operating Fletcher Kingston, is at her brother's, James Shannon's.

News From Verona.

Verona, Dec. 10. - Frederick number attended court in Napanee guest at R. E. Curl's. H. C. Burwas here from Kingston yesterday Mise Eloise Dupuis, Yarker, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wells, Elisha Martin has bought a horse from Wil-

Long Point Locals.

sister, Mrs. Burns. Mrs. M. J. Kava- ultimately displace the cold-storage Charles O'Connor's last week. Mrs. Johnston Moorhead made a trip to of their nutritive value. Haskins is very ill of pneumonia. Miss Madeline O'Connor spent last week in Delta, the guest of Miss Darley Flood. asked for tidings of Malcolm He had spent Monday the guests at Mrs. W. Fodey, Outlet, at A. Slack's; R. Ber. be discussed. Final honor philoso-

ment given by the members of Mission Circle of Bay circuit was well attended; proceeds, \$33. Everett Miller is home from the west. He is much pleased with the country and expects to return in the spring Mr. and Mrs. John Jaynes, Camden East, visited friends at Gretna and Gosport last week, Rev. Mr. Barnes B.A., of Tamworth, preached in structive sermons in Bethany church morning and evening on Sunday last W. B. Nolan spent a couple of days last week in Peterboro, the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. Stillman, B. Huyck spent le week in Tcronto. George Hawley ent to Lindsay on Saturday and spent a couple of days in Toronto this week. The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. George Burch on Wednesday. Several from this place have been working on the building on No. 1 road, lately purchased from Mr. Orange hall. Rev. W. Down, of Selscarce quieted down after the storm Camden East, also the entertainment George spent Sunday at Parham. by, was present at the Orange lodge

> REMEDY FOR HIGH PRICES Dr. Mary Pennington Can Smash Cold Storage Corners

Washington, Dec. 13.-Dr. Mary E. Pennington, in charge of food search work of the department of age-Stella, Dec. 10 .- A dance was liam McIlroy. Mrs. J. Me-Naugh- riculture, told the House Agricultural committee that frozen and dried eggs would solve the problem of high

"Frozen and dried eggs," said Dr. Pennington, "soon will be marketed in small packages so as to be availlable to every household instead of for Long Point, Dec. 11 .- Miss Florence | bakers and other manufacturers, as Townsend has returned from visiting at present. Hard frozen eggs will friends in Berryton. Timothy Bevins, keep a year and there is no question of Chaumont, N.Y., is the guest of his but what dried and frozen eggs will i

Eggs cannot be kept in cold storage A. Slack and Mrs. M. J. Kavanagh and be fit for food longer than ten visited at Frank Slack's, Lansdowne, months, she asserted, and added that. Thursday and Friday of last week, dried and frozen eggs did not lose any

Philosophical Issues.

At the meeting of Queen's Philoso-Miss Rose Fodey, Outlet, is the guest | phical Society, on Monday, at 4 p.m., Winifred, a worn and pallid Wini- Pvergreen Valley, Dec. 11 .- Mr. and of her sister, Mrs. A. Slack. Recent in the new arts building, some import fred by this time, sought him and Mrs. Walter Hegadorn and family visitors: Mesers. Charles and Nelson ant questions of human interest will none. There was a rumor that Delhi McQuay, Murvale. An epidemic of ry, Berryton, at D. Townsend's; Miss students will read papers on the subhad fallen, and an officer had told measles has been raging through here Barbara McLeod, Miss Margaret, Mas- ject of "Philosophy and Life," dealing him that there was a Major Malcolm of late, but is dying out. Mrs. James ter Maurice and Dr. F. J. O'Connor, specifically with the following aspects on Nicholson's staff. That was all. Hegadorn has gone on an extended at Charles O'Connor's; Miss Geraldine of the subject: Philosophy and Literaphy and Politics, and Philiosophy and Common-sense. The meetings are open Budget From Bethany. to the public. The papers are written in a popular style.