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"Thank you. I would rather not."

"I am sorry, Horace," she said.

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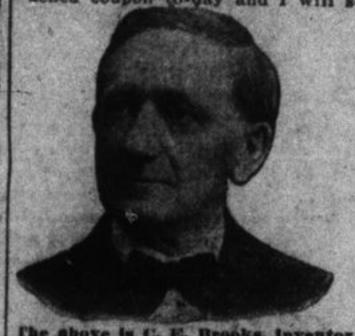
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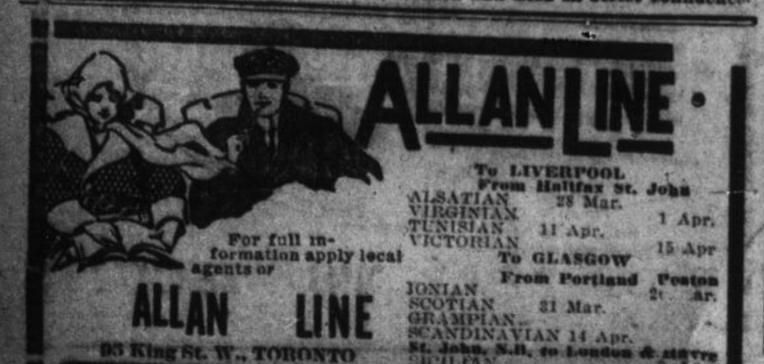
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CHAPTER IV.

Val B. Montague's American Circus

In spite of the trouble which she felt to be hanging over her. Elsa enjoyed her ride to Ponta Delgada. The country through which they were riding was beautiful, the air Iresh and exhilarating, the read was good, and she was riding with the man she loved. Moreover, though she had rainsed him last night she knew that he loved her, and she thought that he was not one of the turned to him quickly.

In spite of the trouble which she felt to be had seen nothing to cause it.

But then he remembered that he had said would marry!

Shall we talk of something else?"

Said the girl quietly. And a minute later they passed in through the turn-stiles of the circus-building.

Val B. Montague's American Circus (Combination war advertised as a constellation of stars; but the brilliance of the incividual stars was not very dazzling. Scarborough and Elsa sat she thought that he was not one of those who love and then forget. He would ask her again some day; there was plenty of time; for she was only nineteen, and he was twenty-four, or

shame in saying it.

At ninetren it is not easy to remain Long before she reached Ponta Del- her. blow away her cares for the present. ough. healthy English girl's delight in physical exertion, and she devoted all her energy to setting a pace. It was not sharply, and there was a flash of anger until the white buildings of Ponta Del. in his look. She had made the retort dered whether Elsa was enjoying it. gada, picked out with edgings of black rudely, and he was not gifted with the stone like a funeral card, appeared in meekness of temper which takes a the distance before her, that her mind snub lying down. Besides, both the refurned to the errand on which she snub and the rudeness were surely ouses which forms the approach to onta Delgada on the north, she slack. have mentioned the fact that he was ened her pace, and allowed Scarbor my chum!"

ouga to lead. Her mood of exaltation was over. She went slower and slower. and Scarborough thought it was because she was nervous in the traffic, amazing erection usually is; but ade-"Would you prefer to walk the last quate, woefully adequate! The archi-She dismounted at once, and Scar- building shewed every likelihood of borough took her machine and pushed advancing with the orthodox rapidity.

"Tired?" he asked. "No," she said; "only hot; and I ment, whatever its cause might be, think, rather cross. Talk, please." Her mind clamored for distraction; treme to extreme. She was not confor something to engross her thoughts sistent even in her burst of temper, demoiselle Mona cantered into in the present; to take them away from | for her mental vane veered round from | ring. her disappointment in the past and her stormy to dull in one quick swing, and fears for the future. Scarborough her temper died at the first sign of obediently talked; but after the first the awakening of his. few sentences she did not hear what Though in the wrong, she did not he said, or heard it vaguely, and an- attempt to justify herself; and this swered without interest, mechanically, is an omission which in itself indiwhen his pauses seemed to demand an cates, in a woman, a sweet reasonable answer. Her brain was busy with ness, which is neither normal speculation. What was the danger healthy.

which threatened her father? A man bicycling along the street towards them, took his hat off, jumped off beside them, and held out his hand. Going to the circus?" he asked. He was Scott, the man with the novel, follow the suddenness of her changes who had been sharing Scarborough's of mood; and his temper, less easy to home. watch yesterday.

"Yes," said Elsa. "Are you?" Sorry I can't. I have to get back to duty at the cable station. Montague has been showing me over the schoo-ner—most interesting life the beggars FALLING HAIR MEANS lead, though I daresay it would pall a bit when the novelty wore off. By the way, Scarborough, one of them says he knows you.

"Oh? Which?" asked Scarborough, without interest. "The man who does the fancy shoot ing. Says you and he went to the same crammer's, and were pilled for Sandhurst at the same exam.

"What's his name?" There "He's Pampas Joe. the English Cowboy and Revolver King, on the programme. I didn't catch his real name. Darnley, or something of that sort." "By Jove! I wonder if it's Phil Varney!" cried Scarborough eagerly, hair-roots to shrink, loosen and die For Philip Varney and he had been time -will surely save your hair.

"Yes, that's it, Varney," said Scott. Hullo! what's Miss Page doing?" They had been standing in front of small general shop. Elsa had gone | toilet counter, and after the first apand asked for writing paper and plication your nair will take on that envelopes. She scribbled hastily: "Philip Varney is a member of the cir. so beautiful. It will become wavy velope, and fastened it up. Then she abundance; an incomparable gloss

"Are you going back to Ribeira you most will be after just a few Grande at once, Mr. Scott?" she asked. Weeks' use, when you will actually "Yes," he said, and looking at his have a lot of fine downy hair, new watch, added: "Time I was starting, hair, growing all over the scalp. too. Can I do anything for you?" "Have you time to leave this note at the Chinelas? It's a message for fa-

ther, which I forgot to give him before Oh, yes, certainly. I shall have to hurry though, so good-bye."

"Good-bye, and thank you so much," "See you to-night, Scarborough," said Scott, as he mounted. "Bring Pampas Joe back to supper with you." "I will if he'll come," said Scarbor-ough. "But he'll have to stay for the

evening performance, won't he?" "Isn't going to be one," said Scott "There's been a row, and Val B. is tearing his hair about it. Pampas Joe will come right enough. By-bye for the present, old man. I'll see that your father has your note, Miss Page." When Scott had gone, Scarborough

turned to Elsa, saying:

"Phil Varney was my greatest chum
a few years ago. Queer, isn't it?"

"What?" asked Elsa, laughing.

"That he should have been your chum?
or that, having been your chum, he should now be a circus man? or merely that you should meet him here?" ly that you should meet him here?" "Well, mostly the last," said Scar-

"Quite a romantic meeting!" cried Elsa. "Come, let's hurry to the circus, so that we shan't miss seeing your

There was something in the words, and more in the tone, which made Scarborough glance at her sharply. Her languor of a few minutes ago was

"That's a grudging 'no'." said Scar-borough. "Does it mean 'yes'?"

"Then what's your reason? Is it because he's a circus man? He was educated to be an officer and a gentlenian'; and though he has come down in
the world, and had to drop the officer,
i don't think you would find that he
has dropped the gentleman too. I
didn't think you were a snob, Elsa."
Steady, steady, young man! She de-But her excitement struck him as serves it, perhaps; but your defence being somewhat feverish and un of your chum is making you brutal, natural. It had arisen too suddenly. And remember she is the girl you love and he had seen nothing to cause it. and would marry!

of the incividual stars was not very cazzling. Scarborough and Elsa sat through a conventional exhibition of flying trapeze work, which was not "I was endeavoring to account for quite so daring as it looked; the wit of the look in your eyes," said Scarbor the Nespolitan clown who scored verough, laughing. "Something has ex- bal victories (in French) over a heavyfaced, sullen-looking ringmaster (who answered in English, coast town Span-"Then I'll introduce you. If Pampas ish, or Anglo-Saxon French impartially), was under the circumstances

somewhat unintelligible; the Japanese Again her manner had changed. She juggler was clever, but rather belied depressed for long, if health is good, if spoke coldly, almost as though he had his professional cognomen of the Marthe company of the man one loves.

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Spoke coldly, almost as though he had his professional cognomen of the Marthe company of the man one loves. tant who spoiled one of his best tricks; gada, Elsa had let the Atlantic breeze "He's a gentleman," said Scarbor and the performing mule, for this occapossibly to prove, beyond all chance of at her doubt, that he really was a mule. On the whole, therefore, Scarborough

voted the show a dull one, and won-It seemed that she was. For she was leaning forward with her hands grasping the rail in front of her; her eyes followed cach movement with a ad been sent. As she entered the gratuitous, since she admitted that she strained attention, and she did not know the man. hear Scarborough when he spoke to "As you please," he said. "But I

Val P. Montague, a typical Yankee, in the frock coat and top hat of pieca-Here was the foundation on which to build a lovers' quarrel!-as flimsy and dilly, came into the ring and made a speech employing for the purpose a unsubstantial as the foundation of that wonderful language, whose basis was South American Spanish, with Portutects both had hot tempers! The guese inflections grafted on to it to suit the local requirements. But he was understood, and the gift of his announcement was that Mademoiselle But Elsa's mood to-day was antago-Mona de la Mar-"the most talented, nistic to probabilities. Her excitebeautiful, daring, etc., etc.,"-would now have the honor of appearing bedrove her in quick rushes from exfore this most distinguished audience. Val B. Montague retired, and Ma-

She was a pretty brunette, in an English hunting habit, and she rode as though she did it for pleasure. It was not circus trick-riding; there was no posturing on a wooden platform, strapped on to the back of a steady. clockwork-actioned back; she sat down on her saddle, and made a big, badtempered hunter do what he didn't want to do It was a straightforward exhibition of plucky riding by a daring horsewoman; and, except that for the last jump she took off the saddle and Scarborough's reply was a laugh. He had not the mental advoitness to rode bare-backed, it might all have been done over a hunting country at

rouse than hers, was harder to calm. "Where," said Scarborough, "I expect she has done it. She rides magnificently; but she didn't learn in

"Do you think she is English, then?" DANDRUFF IS ACTIVE by an English girl, who has hunted English country. Looks like a lady.

Save Your Hair! Get a 25 Cent Bot-Elsa nodded. She, too, thought that Mona de la Mar was a lady-and more than that, she thought that her face Thin, brittle, colorless and scraggy seemed curiously familiar, though she hair is mute evidence of a neglected could not remember where it was that scalp; of dandruff-that awful scurf. | she had seen that determined mouth, There is nothing so destructive to the bair as dandruff. It robs the before. For the next half hour she hair of its lustre, its strength and its struggled in vain to find the missing link of memory; and then the last turn was announced—Pampas Joe, the Engvery life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, was announced ramps erishness and itching of the scalp, lish Cowboy and Revolver King. "By Jove! it is old Phil!" exclaimed

Scarborough, as a short, somewhat thick-set young Englishman strolled into the centre and began to shoot. Elsa lay rack in her seat, and fanned herself with her programme. She, too Danderine from any drug store or recognized that good-humored, ugly face; and at the same moment she life, lustre and luxuriance which is remembered where it was that she bad seen Mona de la Mar before. She touched Scarborough on the arm

and fluffy and have the appearance of "I am going now," she said. "But and softness, but what will please you want to speak to your friend." Scarborough rose at once.

"I will see you home first," he said.
"I'm not on duty to-night, so I'll ride back to see him this evening. Unless," he added, questioningly, "you have changed your mind, and will stay now till I bring him to be introduced to

Elsa shook her head.
"No," she said, but you must stay. I shall easily get home before dark. and I would rather go alone." He protested, but she insisted. And, as usual, she had her way.

She rode off alone, and ten minutes later Scarborough was shaking hands with his old chum, Phil Varney, alias Pampas Joe, in the circus green-room "Who'd have thought of meeting you here, old man?" said the Revolver king. "I saw you from the ring, and I aw who you were with. That was

"You know Miss Page?" asked Scar-No. E. I : know the girl who was

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