

A Remarkable Story of Love, Gold and Adventure.

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CHAPTER IX.-(Continued.) As the musicians struck the first low | in a little bitter reflection regarding wailing notes a shout of universal applause greeted the fair dancer. Slow- natural love for woman, felt a hand ly the mandolins sounded the measures of the dance, and with tranquil, almost hesitating steps, the young girl interpreted the rhythm and time with at his elbow, his face wreathed in her tiny feet. Gradually the chords quickened and became livelier, and the slow-moving Circe merged into a radiant Terpsichore. Her eyes, hitherto bent timidly upon the floor, were now proudly raised and swept the crowd with half coquettish, half inquiring glances. They seemed to say: "Are there none brave enough to risk being my partner?"

One of the young fellows thus interpreting the look, and perhaps eager to show his courage, quickly advanced to the estrada, and, uncovering, presented his gay sombrero with its garniture of silver and lace for the acceptance of the bewitching dancer. Receiving it with a smile, without pausing for an instant in the evolutions in which she was engaged, she placed it coquettishly upon her head. A prolonged viva gretted this act, while the pleased gallant, who had thus been conceded the floor, placed himself opposite to her and joined in the dance. It continued for a time, when, at the cry of "Chammara!" by the spectators, the young gallant, bowing gracefully to the girl, retired to give place to the second aspirant. Placing himself opposite Circe. the new partner went through the same series of evolutions as his predecessor, ending by unwinding the crimson China crape sash from his waist which he fashioned into a rosette and bung from one of the bare shoulders of the girl.

This act constituted a challenge to all comers, while by permitting it to remain the girl signified her acceptance of him until such time as another should present a better caim. It could only be answered in one way-by the knife. From the crowd arose the cry of "Machete! machete!" and in prompt response the rival lover sprang into the estrade, and, with a graceful bow, presented himself to the girl. A slight nod told him that he, too, was welcome to the honor of bestowing his favors; and, drawing his long, glittering cuchillo from its sheath, he suspended it by its bow of purple ribbons from the right shoulder of the girl, already carrying the sash of his rival upon her left. A new pas de deux now

a termination that Overton, indulging the evil that befalls man through his plucking his sleeve, and knew from the whiff of villainous tobacco smoke that his new Jonathan, the general, stood smiles and his portly frame swelling with the importance of the communication he bore.

## 15 Main -CHAPTER X. The Maker of Presidents.

As soon as his eyes fell upon the smiling countenance of General Barrajo, Jack knew the latter carried a message-he seemed so pleased with himself, so desirous of doing some favor to the brave Senor Overton, who had saved his precious life, and made him overwhelmingly his debtor. When, however, the verbal communi-

cation was delivered Jack's face took on a frown and he bit his lip. For the stout general bore a message that Dona Juanita desired to meet the American at once; and he also gave Jack to understand that this summons was to be considered a great honor, about which, however, that worthy had his doubts.

He concluded to meet Dona Juanita. He found the senorita not far away, and her manner of receiving him was peculiarly coy for one who had shown herself so bold when the rival young gallants were vieing with each other for the privilege of her smiles. Jack, had he known these hot-blooded creatures of Gautarica better, would have taken warning from this very fact and studiously avoided the senorita, for it was quite patent to the astute general she had conceived a sudden and overpowering admiration for the American that was very apt to blossom presently into a passion.

Jack carried on a spirited conversation with the belle of San Jose, and could not but note the deep satisfaction shown by the general. In the goodness of his heart, no doubt he wanted the man who had saved his life to have all the prizes there were in the lottery, and the senorita, in his mind, came within that category. So he worked the strings.

Had Jack suspected his philanthropical design, he might have deeply regretted running those three revolutionists off when they had the general cornered.

As it was having in mind a sketch

# senor-it is all arranged-the train is senor-it is all arranged-the train is OURFOREIGN CREDITS Pan-American Exposition, in Buffalo, FEES OF SURGEONS.

will be applied-then comes the explosion, and, pouf! there you are in a jump! One thing tell me, Senor Jack, how long you have been in San Joseon Gautarican soil?"

Jack figured it out, "Just six months to-morrow-how time has flown, and I have only made a start," he said slowly.

The general rubbed his hands together in almost delirious joy. "Six months-it is quite enough.

You shall be made a citizen to-morrow.'

"Is it positively necessary?" dubiously.

"Undoubtedly so," came the prompt reply.

that I may attain the end to which I to accuse the bureau of statistics of aspire.'

it a sacrifice, Senor Jack, when you Gage acknowledges that he doesn't learn what a feast of good things is snow much about the matter, owing being prepared for you. Never was a to the absence of reliable data as to man more favored by fortune, I the repurchase of American securities swear.

Jack smiled and shook his head. eral."

gesture of vehemence.

thing, once started.

do not show yourself upon the street July 1, 1899, to the end of 1901, a periuntil I call upon you."

tion, I suppose?"

do's spies may be about-they suspect tled for by remittances for interest, something is in the wind. No, it is expenses of travelers, incomes of Amnot Montejo this time-he is a dead ericans living abroad, military exherring in Gautarican politics now. Ask no more questions, only wait and States, and gifts, like Mr. Carnegie's see; great events are on the eve of gift to the Scotch universities; that transpiring. You promise-good! Go \$265,000,000 of American capital has your way, my dear friend, and prepare been invested abroad in this period, for a grand surprise. Silence!" and and that Americans have bought \$95,with his finger on his lips the remark 000,000 of foreign bonds and bought able general bowed, and mounting his back \$525,000,000 of American securihorse galloped toward the barracks, ties, these items aggregating \$1,510,leaving Overton a badly puzzled man. 000,000.

After that mysterious warning from Barrajo, Jack was exceedingly careful how he strayed from his domicile after old Helios dipped his glowing face

THEORISTS WORRIED ON THE SUB-JECT OF TRADE BALANCES.

The One Thing Certain is That But for 'he Restriction of Competitive Importations by the Protective Tariff There Would Be No Trade Balances.

Just now there is a good deal of discussion going on regarding the big rade balances piled up by the United States in the past four years of protection and prosperity. It is a subject which worries the free traders mightly. Some of them, like the Spring-"Then I submit-any sacrifice so field Republican, have gone so far as

cooking up figures to show balances "Madre do Dios! You will not call that really do not exist. Secretary formerly held abroad. The London Times feels sure that the trade bal-"Ah! you speak in enigmas, gen inces are more imaginary than actual. and that the United States is far from

"Soon-soon all will be made plain. being the financial power which its Wait, have patience; your loftiest people flatter themselves it is. The dream of pomp and power could not latest contribution to the question apattain to what awaits the friend and pears in the New York Times, from preserver of Pedro Barrajo. I do not the pen of Mr. Nathaniel T. Bacon. forget-I can never forget!" with a who seems to have taken uncommon pains to get at the facts. Mr. Bacon "Well, I place myself in your hands, believes that European investments in my general," Overton felt compelled to the United States in long time bonds say, having concluded to go the whole are probably \$1,700,000,000, with a billion and a half for the minimum and "Aha! you are wise-you will bless two billions for the maximum, and me to your dying day. Love, power, that we are buying back the securities, fortune, all shall be yours. . The vow or paying off our European indebtedis recorded. One thing I must beg of ness, at the rate of something like you, Senor Jack. It is this. If, some \$300,000,000, and if the present state night, after tomorrow, you should hear of prosperity and international trade a commotion in San Jose, shots fired could be continued we would wipe out and loud cheers from the army, pray the entire account in five years. From

od of thirty months, he computes a "Ah! prospects of another revolu- visible balance in our favor of \$1,510,-000,000. He conjectures that \$625,-

"Hush! Not so loud, please. Robla. 000,000, or \$250,000,000 a year, is setpenditures outside of the United

The one thing that appears to be certain is that in the past four years this country has succeeded in placing itself on "Easy street" as regards payin the western sea and the black pall ments of foreign indebtedness and inof night descended upon gay San Jose. terest and dividend disbursements. For he placed great confidence in the How we got there is easily told. The general, and that worthy's directions world wanted the things which we had had been so very direct and explicit to sell to the amount of about \$1,400,-000,000 in the year just closed, and instead of paying us back in manufactured commodities, as would have flower procession, and San Jose had in been the case under a continuance of low tariff and no tariff conditions, we sumed the normal condition that have had our pay in cash or its equivamarked the passing of early evening. lent in debts discharged or expenditures offset. We have not only paid interest and dividends on American securities owned abroad and on foreign capital invested in this country. but we have made good the \$200,000, 000 paid to foreigners for carrying our over-sea freights, also the big sums which foreign companies tax us for tion we have taken our pay in huge side (Cal.) Press. blocks of American securities, so that this year's January disbursements of interest and dividends have gone almost altogether to American holders, One of the American industries instead of going in great part to forbrought into existence by a protective eign holders, as used to be the case. All this has been going on for four years. It would not and could not with the best in use. The great pothave gone on if we had been operating The native runner-postmen of Natal under a free-trade tariff instead of a are strikingly picturesque objects protective tariff. Be our apparent or \$1,000,000. This increase shows the when on business bent. With their our actual trade balances what they

the free traders thought they saw a chance to drive an entering wedge. They twisted what Mr. McKinley said ENORMOUS SUMS HAVE BEEN PAID into a declaration for free trade, and his statement that duties which were no longer needed for purposes of protection might be remitted was taken

by them as evidence that he was ready to abandon the entire Protection theory. Following up what they said about the late President, they tried to make it appear that President Roosevelt's St. Paul speech was a declaration lees have been paid from time to time. in favor of free trade. Then they were in 1762 the famous Hertfordshire encouraged to believe that a success- physician, Thomas Dimsdale, was sumful assault on protection could be moned to St. Petersburg to vaccinate

no longer. President Roosevelt's flat-tooted dec- essfully did he accomplish his task laration in favor of Protection in his that he was paid a consideration of message, and his further statement £12,000 in addition to a life pension that reciprocity can only be encouraged of £500 a year. Another costly vacwhen it is regarded as the hand- inating operation was that performed maiden of protection, has opened the t few years ago by Dr. Butler upon eyes of the free traders. They now six Indian rajahs, and from each of his see that it is idle to hope for tariff patients he received £10,000 for less legislation at this session of Congress.

-Cleveland Leader.

# What They Must Show.

show that with the almost certain an- urn he was paid at the rate of £2,500 nexation of Cuba in the near future, , week and given a baronetcy into the and with that a coming condition of bargain. Nor was it by any means untaxed raw sugar, it is better now to musual for him to receive a fee of get trade concessions with other na- £500 for an hour's consultation with tions while we can. They must also ess celebrated patients. show that the removal of all protec- But royalty invariably pay their tion from the domestic sugar growing nedical attendants highly. The late industry is so inevitable that the bene- Sir Morell Mackenzie journeyed to fits to be obtained from reciprocity Berlin to relieve the sufferings of the treaties with sugar raising countries Emperor Frederick during his last illoutweigh the losses that would be less and secured a fee of £20,000. caused to the American industry.

well for the sake of free raw sugar Jzar Alexander III. lay dying, was to abandon nearly every other form of presented with a check for £15,000, in tax reduction. They have finally to iddition to all expenses, for a two show why we should not have free refined sugar if we are to have free raw sugar.-Boston Commercial Bulletin.



BY GRATEFUL PATIENTS.

European Royalties Invariably Recompense Their Medical Attendants Highly -Quarter of a Million Dollars Is the Record for One Single Fee.

In the medical world some enormous made this winter. They think so the Empress Catherine II. He was in .he city less than a week, but so suchan a day's work.

When King Edward, or the Prince of Wales, as he was then, lay at leath's door with typhoid fever, the amous William Jenner was called in The advocates of free sugar must or a period of four weeks, and in re-

while Professor Zacherine of Moscow,

They must further show why it is who was called to Livadia, when the lays' attendance upon his illustrious patient.

> Dr. Yowski, the famous oculist, ocketed a fee of £7,000 for attendng the shah's son at Teheran some ears ago, a figure completely put nto the shade by that captured by an English army surgeon, who paid ocasional visits to the Rajah of Ramour, India, when that potentate was uffering from an acute attack of rheunatism. The patient did not wait for iim to send in his bill, for, finding his reatment beneficial, he rewarded him with £10,000.

> The highest medical fee ever paid, lowever, became the property of a plind physician, Dr. Gale of Bristol, who cured a wealthy patient of a diseased knee by electric treatment, and n return found his banking account icher by £50,000 .-- Pearson's Weekly.

# Spying on Clerks.

The professional shopper is employid in London in a different capacity han her American sister, her work in connection with one large firm savor-

began, carried on as before, though with many extemporized variations. Every now and then a chorus of vivas and bravos greeted the execution of some more than usually difficult step, or suggestive figure.

Suddenly a strident voice in the crowd shouted "Bomba!" and the dance was at an end. The women, now that the dancing was over, took themselves out of harm's way. The two factions, occupying opposite sides of the estrada, clamored for the fight.

Dona Juanita, proud and radiant, stood in the center of the estrada awaiting the final ceremony with a tranquillity which went far to prove her indifference to the claim of either aspirant. But the pledges were still to be redeemed, and, with a practical eye to the business features of the play, she waited with extended hand. The usual fee of each pledge is a silver half real, but the two gallants, advancing one after another, filled both her hands with silver coins, amid the murmurs of applause which such prodigality excited.

The estrada was now cleared for the fight, which nothing could now avert. The sylvan temple, so lately the scene of gayety and pleasure, was converted into a gladiatorial arena. Into its midst one of the gallants advanced, and, first tracing a rude circle in the hard-beat sand of the floor, planted his knife in its center. The second promptly followed and placed his long blade close beside that of his rival, while both courteously uncovered. A polite altercation then ensued as to who should first place his hat upon his head, each claiming an honor which, granted by either, would make him the superior in point of courtesy. The difficulty was, however, decided by both contestants covering at the same time. The spectators were then relegated to the outside of the estrada, the combatants placed face to face, and the signal given.

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The combatants stood each with his long blade grasped in his right hand, pened to overturn matters-something and with his left hand and arm wrapped in the folds of his manga by tle republics-he bade fair to own the way of shield. At the word the combat began. The Gautaricans know nothing of scientific fencing, and rely wholly upon strength and agility of body. The blows were furiously given, but were far from dexterous. On both sides it was only a series of quick pay up old scores. thrusts and clumsy parries, of sudden lunges and hasty retreats. Their long knives struck one another with a metallic clang, or cut the air with a mournfu! sough. But there was a ferocity and determination about the men which resulted in much bloodshed and mutual hacking of flesh. They swayed to and fro upon the floor, the tumultuous crowd closing about them as they were successively displaced. Thus it continued for ten minutes, when, wounded and bleeding, both men came to the floor, and were carried off by their more intimate followers.

It was when the barbarous duel in | hoarsely: the public square had been brought to

of some mythical goddess, which the senorita as he had seen her dancing so alluringly before her many admirers would fill to perfection, he studied her while thus engaging her in conversa-

tion. Doubtless he forgot that in thus exerting himself, with the purpose in view of drawing her out, he at the same time accomplished a double object, and appeared unusually attractive in her eyes.

That was where the boomerang came

It chanced that after this night they met frequently-not so much through his inclination as an apparent combination of circumstances.

The lovely daughter of the tropics had taken a great fancy for Senor Overton, and his indifference piqued her, since she was so accustomed to having gallants go mad for an iota of the favor she bestowed upon Jack. Sometimes it appears as great a crime to be diffident as to show egotism-it may not push one into hot water as often, but there are occasions when it counts as much.

And the wily general looked on, and behind Jack's back rubbed his hands. very much as a miser might over his gold.

It was his purpose to devote his life to showering blessings on his noble deliverer-love, power, wealth, all should be his, and he would bless the day when he first met Pedro Alphonso Barrajo-indeed, it would be a red-letter day in the affairs of the little republic as well.

Overton had never taken the general into his confidence, to tell him the bitter story of his past and how he had become a full-fledged woman hater, pledged to remain forever a bachelor. He had found a means of engaging in business. Such energy as he possessed was a new element in San Juan, and from the way in which he started it was evident that in due course of

time, say, ten years, if nothing hapis always occurring in these torrid litwhole community, which shows what push and enterprise may accomplisn when properly applied.

Ten years was a long time to waithe had calculated on half that period when he could go back to London and

And then it occurred to Jack to partially take his friend the general into his confidence, and tell him how necessary it was that he should roll the ball of fortune faster, in order that the result should be hastened.

Brave Barrajo had met danger when it appeared about to overwhelm him with a steady front and a flashing blade.

He was equal to the occasion now. Slapping Jack most heartily on the back, he winked his left eye mysteriously, and, looking cautiously arcund to see that they were alone, whispered

"Carramba! Make your mind easy,

hey could not be mista His reward came.

It was the fourth night after the a measure calmed down-that is, re-The gay crowds still lingered in the plaza near by, as though having some inkling of the tremendous epoch in Gautarica's history that was on the eve of occurring.

Overton wondered how it came that the sounds of merriment had long since died away, while the throng still remained abroad.

He had not known so strange a thing to happen before, and he had been half a year in San Jose, too.

He had just completed his task of writing, and, utterly fagged out, filled his pipe for a comfortable smoke before retiring, when the sound of a sudden shot electrified him.

(To be continued.)

### Ye Postmen.

sandaled feet and head-dress of dried may, they are ours because of protecleaves, which rattle as they run, and tion.

a military great coat, underneath which is a garment called the mucetu. they travel for miles at a jog trot of four miles an hour, and receive as payment £1 (\$5) a month.

In Holland the extent of the mail Senate. That is, he could be persuadservice routes is aver 30,000 miles. The ed to return to official life if the Illiuniform of the postmen is semi-mili- nois Legislature should press the hontary in character, and they themselves or upon him. This will surprise many are said to be a remarkably handsome people who had supposed that Mr. body.

In Austria the government gives to portfolio was voluntary on his part, the postmen every year one tunic, one and was actuated by a desire to repair of cloth trousers, one pair of linen sume the role of a private citizen. In trousers, one waistcoat and a cap. view of the remoteness of the possibilwhile every second year a coat and blouse are given. Previous military service is considered as postal service, and each year of war counts double.

#### Wherefore!

"Huh!" growled the cynical celebate banker and financier to require any to the beaming benedict, "Huh; you enlightenment on that point. They seem to know all about women, you may also be presumed to know somedo. Can you tell me why a pigeon- thing of his other qualifications for toed woman is always duller of per- the office of Senator. They doubtless ception than one who isn't? And why know, among other things, that his would a woman rather be pretty than passionate ardor for tariff reform anything else. And why does a girl prompted him to vote for Grover always giggle when she talks to a Cleveland in three Presidential elecman? And why can't women pass a tions. All things considered, we may mirror without looking into it? And be pardoned for assuming that Mr. why are women so much more partic- Gage's receptivity is not likely to be ular about the outside of their heads called into active operation in connecthan they are of the inside? And why tion with the Illinois Senatorship. do women so much more admire bad

men whom they love than they do good men who love them? And why do women dislike women in the same ratio that they like men? And why is it that women, who are meant to be the tariff at the present session of heaven's best gift to man, ain't always? Say, tell me those, will you?"

Blood will tell-but the less some blood tells the better.

He Could Be Persuaded.

Secretary Gage looms up as a "r ceptive" candidate for the seat of William E. Mason in the United States Gage's relinquishment of the Treasury

ity of his being urged to revise that determination, it is perhaps not worth while to open up in detail the subject of eligibility, fitness, etc. The Republicans of Illinois are too well acquainted with Mr. Gage's record as

The Democratic newspapers have abandoned for the time being their attempt to bring about a revision of

Congress. They have, moreover, lost interest in the question of reciprocity. That is because they have seen a McKinler made his last speech at the twenty times as much.

What the People Want.

One of Them.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Wait!

A Dangerous Person.

Star G al 17 by Lovers.

Mountain (Mich.) Tribune.

publican-Journal.

porch gazing at the stars.

ng of dectective service with the :lerks as the individuals to be watched

There is no general demand for tariff and reported. The firm in question changes. The country is prosperous, )was over thirty large shops, and emlabor is everywhere employed at high ploys nearly 1,000 clerks. It is the wages, capital is being invested with pusiness of the professional shopper to profit to the capitalist and benefit to ind out whether every customer is the country. What the people want is politely served by visiting the different to be let alone, so far as tariff tinker- thops, putting the clerks to every ining is concerned. Tariff changes by convenience and frequently leaving reciprocity treatles or by any other without making a purchase after lookmethod unsettle business and disturb ng at nearly everything in the shop. industrial and agricultural interests. I the clerk's temper does not prove It is a mighty good time to let well qual to the strain and she answers in enough alone and just give the people he fashion of the American shop girl spent by American tourists. In addi- a chance to enjoy the prosperity with inder similar circumstances she is which the country is blessed .- Riveral is apt to be the result.

#### Description of Lord Kitchener.

An English writer lately returned rom South Africa has published the ollowing description of Lord Kitchtariff is that of pottery manufacture. ,ner: "Tall and well-proportioned American pottery has taken its place bove, he falls away from his waist lownward. It is this lower weediness teries in Trenton, N. J., have increased which evidently troubles the man whotheir business over that of 1900 by ashions his clothes. A round, red and extent of the industry and its rapid with staff cap set carelessly upon it. mewhat puffy face. Square head, progress. The protective tariff has leavy mustaches covering a somewhat rendered the United States practically nobile mouth, at the moment inclined independent of the rest of the world .-o smile. Eyes just anyhow; heavy but not overpowering eyebrows. In act, a very ordinary face of a man ust past his prime. Hardly a figure Wait until some harm comes from hat you would have remarked if it

the tariff, instead of untold blessings, and not been for the gilt upon his hat before we think of changing it. There -in fact, it was all a disappointing is danger to the people and the threat liscovery." of ruin to the Republican party in

Manager Knew His Business.

every assault upon the tariff .- Iron The story of how Harry Coates, the inging navvy who has been delightng London audiences at the music salls, came to leave his pick for the The tariff ripper with a theory in stage, gives an interesting illustration this time of prosperity is a dangerous of the keen eye managers have for person to allow in the front of affairs comething new. Coates was singing In Congress .- Darlington (Wis.) Resaily at his work one day when the nanager of the Brighton Empire bassed by, and so sweet was the man's roice that he offered him an engage-They were young and romantic, and, nent. "Here," he said. "do you want although the minute hand was point. to earn £5 a week?" The navvy ing to 12 o'clock, they stood upon the promptly closed, and although this happened only six months ago, his "That's Jupiter, dear, isn't it?" she weekly salary has already been inreased to a much higher figure.

## Football in Japan.

As early as the seventh century fapan borrowed football from China. The Emperor Toba II. was an expert player and formed a club in the palace, ng how adverse most orientals are to nay be supposed that the game was very different from either "rugger" or 'socker." Nevertheless, the Japanese 'orm seems to have been popular, and ve may trace the beginnings of pro-'essionalism to an emperor and his ourt, of whom it is told that in a time of poverty they earned a little extra noney by teaching the art of foot-

murmured. "Yes, pet; and that is Sirius," he replied, pointing to another star. "Are you serious?" she cooed. He kissed her. Then, pointing up-"That's Mars, dove." "And that's pa's," she whispered, as says Cassell's Little Folks. Considera footstep sounded inside. And if the young man hadn't scoot. hard work and rigorous exercise, it ed he would have seen more stars than he ever dreamed of.

Consumption of Lumber.

There are now more than 1,100 pulp and paper mills in the United States. They use about a billion feet of lumnew light. When the late President ber a year. The sawmills consume

ward, he saia:

Have Sat Down Again.