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SYNOPSIS.

Services. Services to the desired flat solid ivory skull of yours. I've that all to do a shake-up, extremely detrimental to the admirable poiss of any more of the deck planks, which had a bit of a shake-up, extremely detrimental to the admirable poiss of any more of the deck planks, which had a strength to distinct which the deck planks and the strength of the str

#### CHAPTER XX .- (Continued.)

With this assurance Appleyard rose, catching the Echo's side as Coast shipped his oars and the dory glided smoothly alongside the larger vessel. "Steady on!" he said. "Coast, you first, and give a hand to Mrs. Black-Now, you"-to Blackstock, when Coast had helped Katherine into the cockett-"and step lively! Your companions in crime are a bit too close for comfort. . . . Coast, I'd suggest that Mrs. Blackstock step below until we get under way; there's spt to be a bit of shooting, I'm afraid, H we don't look sharp."

Katherine sought Coast's eyes; he nodded a grave affirmation into hers. "Only a few moments," he said, offering her his hand. Without a word she accepted it and let herself down into the dark interior of the cabin. "Now, Coast, the anchor-lively!"

Coast straightened up hastily. Blackstock was in his way, standing in the corner of the cockpit between the cabin-trunk and the coaming. while Appleyard was burriedly taking up the engine-plt hatch. So the younger man stepped unsuspiciously to starboard across the center-board trunk into the very arms of calamity.

What followed fell like a boit from the bine and passed with its rapidity. Appleyard stood to port with his back to Blackstock, in the act of putting the batch aside. Coast on the should be, when this shadow, seeming- but the shouting. . . . There was quiet and courteous voice: "Better 1908, Manager Mack fold me I would ly with a single movement, rose above plenty of that, for Blackstock wasted not come up just yet, Mrs. Blackstock. him like a cloud, towering as huge a lot of valuable time trying to start A little later. . . rocity of a panther.

For a few chaotic seconds he recrushed and borne down irresistibly overhead. I gathered that Chang dis- mask of death that was his face. to the deck, then lifted like a bag of tinguished himself with a boathook, grain and buried directly into the black, gaping maw of the companion-

in a blaze of crimson flame. . . .

### CHAPTER XXI.

Through the empty murk of the tdasted, blackened world strange then a fall, with Blackstock cussin' Chinaman's naked torso no less than gbests of thoughts, cares, strange moderate, but steady, but we skimmed three bullet wounds, all indicating the dind weeping faces of things that he along as steadily and prettily as you perforation of a vital spot. had known scurried like mice through please. That was over an hour agothe night of an empty house, came out of darkness, passed into darkness, and returned, plucking at him with weak, futile hands, crying importunately for heed and recognition; but when he tried to know them, they were gone. leaving only the ache of effort. .

Then suddenly be was conscious, lying at the bottom of a pit of evertasting midnight, his limbs constrained in upnatural positions, his head racked by splitting pains, but singularly, softly pillowed, his face gently bedewed with drops of moisture, soft and warm.

mured incoherently, and slid back into tion of Biblical objects in natural his-

When again intelligence returned to London, England. him, there was light-a strong and The space allotted to the collection

"Hello," he said weakly.

"Feeling better?" asked Appleyard. and made a failure of it, then with frog. a sudden return to memory put forth | The frog is mentioned only twice

pened?" he asked thickly.

a nasty fall and pretty nearly cracked

say an hour and a half; and ever since then this lunatic business has been going on. I lighted the lamp and attacked the door with a screw-driverthe only crowbar I could find-bent that out of shape and yelled myself hoarse without any result. My private opinion is that both of 'em were pretty well shot up before they got away, and are now in no shape to go pleasure-boating."

"That sounds reasonable," said Coast, preoccupied. He reviewed the situation briefly, then bent over and with the twisted screw-driver pried up that solid ivory skull of yours. I've one of the deck planks, which had



His Head Sagged Low Upon His Chest.

you know-just as the Chinaman | door. They yielded like paper, leaving dropped on you like a load of brick. a ragged hole, through which he seaward side was on the point of lift- Before I knew what was up, the brute thrust an arm, groping for the bolt. ing himself to the top of the cabin, had me in a hold I couldn't break- This found and drawn, he pushed the with intent to go forward and cast off both arms pinioned. Then he snatched door back and ascended, Appleyard the anchor. There was crossing his my gun out of my pocket and threw following. mind the veriest hint of a suspicion me after you-t'o'ther side of the centhat the blackness in the shadow of ter-board. I lit on my feet, but the sky and sea were stark and bright the unfuried canvas, above the cabin, doors were slammed and bolted before was more dense and tangible than it I could turn round, and it was all over and terrifying, its black human bulk the motor before he told Chang to using it as a flail, and Blackstock cupied the wheel-box, his fat white must have had another gun besides hands loose of grasp upon the spokes mine from the way he kept a-popping. and moved by rather than controlling Something came in painful contact The other gang kept busy, too; but it. His head sagged low upon his with his skull, and the world went up they hadn't the heart for it Blackstock chest, swinging heavily from side to and Chang had, and after a bit they side as the catboat rolled. sheered off and gave it up. . .

was some groaning overhead, and

To his immense astonishment, both with moonlight.

Behind him he heard the little man's

At their feet, blocking the cockpit biotting out the biazing stars, as the hoist the sail. By then the long with his huge body and long, massive fabled finnee of the fisherman's bottle; boat was close in and Blackstock ly proportioned limbs, Chang lay suloomed menacingly above him in the warning her to keep off, or he'd shoot. pine and inert, half across the enginecommons nakedness of Chang, and Right then somebody in the boat pit, into which one limp arm dangled. fell upon him with the fury and fe started something—the builet lodged What time the shadow of the sail and in the side, by the sound of it. The swinging boom did not blot it out in long-boat bumped us, and there was inky blackness, the moonlight struck mained conscious, feeling himself the dickens of a shindig going on cold and hard upon the evil, grinning

Swaying drunkenly, Blackstock oc-

He, at least, could not be dead, as "Somehow or other Chang got the Chang unquestionably was-a fact Apsali up, and we began to move. There pleyard presently verified by the most brief of inquests, discovering in the

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

# Natural History of Bible

Novel Collection of the Animals, Vegetables and Minerals Mentioned in Holy Writ.

A model of a sperm whale-a member of the family to which Jonah's and sections of the more famous trees plate, and he hid my black hats with "great fish" is believed to have be of the Holy Land, such as cedar, eblonged-is one of the many interesting ony, sandalwood, boxwood, gopher He struggled to rise, stirred, mur- things to be seen at the novel exhibitory at the Natural History museum,

yellow giare flooding the cabin of the is far too limited to permit actual spe- pion, hornet and gadfly. The collec-Ecto from the lamp rocking in its cimens of the larger mammals, but a tion of minerals includes a beautiful ably George Mullin. The Detroit star ginbals overhead. A face bent above number of interesting photographs are cut beryl, the first stone in the fourth his Katherine's; his head tay in her shown of the wild boar, the hyena, the row of the high priest's breastplate wouldn't hit .250. He hit .408. lap; and another face. Appleyard's, lion, the elephant and the hippopotawas close beside that fairer one. On mus, which was known to the ancients Jerusalem. both he read auxiety, compassion and as the water ox. In the same case are some finely preserved specimens of the chameleon, the Egyptian tomb bat, a beautifully marked cobra, Cleopa-Coast essayed a smile, tra's asp, the horned viper and the learned that a wise doctor has said that

an effort that cost him the agony of in the Old and once in the New and the more lasting its health. Every seeiing a jagged tangue of flame lick Testament. It is of the edible variety, child must be allowed to fidget. It is through his brain, and sat up. "What's and is widely distributed in Europe, not only nice for the child, but an ab-Asia and North Africa. A large case solute necessity to insure normal de-"A little something of everything un-contains seven pieces of manna, a velopment. The modern child has ad-pleasant," said Appleyard. "You had species of lichen found in North Af-

rica and the eastern deserts and mountains. The inhabitants of these districts still regard this manna as become a great batter if I went about sent from heaven.

There are also bullrushes, lentils told me to quit pulling away from the wood, thyme wood (mentioned in Revelation) and olive wood.

The plagues of Egypt are represented by the North American and migra- to bat as I had before." tory locusts, the canker worm, scorand the eighth foundation of the new

Let the Little Ones Fidget.

Children of the present day will not side corner. He'll pull so far he'll be O'Neill, Livingston and Adams. 'be seen and not heard." They have lucky to make a long foul." the more a child is heard the finer will become its lungs, the deeper its breath

## CHANCE CANNOT DEVELOP YOUNG PLAYERS



Frank Chance, Manager of Chicago Cubs.

was the best team manager and Frank remember one day he fined King Cole Myers is now worth about ten times Chance the best first baseman I ever \$200 for poor pitching. Cole was as played under," said Johnny Kling, mad as a hatter, and turning to manager of the Boston Wardmen, ac- Chance he cried: cording to a New York newspaper. "Selee really made the Cubs champions. He developed Chance into a first baseman, discovered Evers, Reulbach, Tinker and Schulte, and gave me the first opportunity to catch behind the bat. Selee was a natural the Cubs. judge of playing talent. He wasn't a bulldozer on the bench, but an eveninstead of Chance.

knows how to make the men placed ways near the top. in his care play ball. He is a strict a winning example.

"Chance has always believed in ceives."

JOE JACKSON'S STYLE AT BAT!

Great Slugger.

Joe Jackson isn't a stylish batter.

He pulls away from the plate, which

is decidedly bad form according to the

set standards for hitting. Joe plants

his right foot within six inches of the

as the ball comes up he takes a long

away from the plate as Joe does can-

not hit the ball hard, and it has often

been remarked that Joe was bucky to

escape being taught a different style

It is generally believed that if Joe

One manager tried to teach Joe to

Joe Jackson.

it a different way," said Joe. "He

which I had been knocking down

fences in the south. He had me use

Harry Davis' bats. I didn't hit near-

ly as well, and made up my mind

Joe's long step away from the plate

has fooled a lot of pitchers, most not-

predicted before last season that Joe

"Jackson's bat shy," said Mullin.

"All a pitcher needs to do against him

is to cut a fast one loose at his head

and then put three balls over the out-

Mullin tried it. Joe batted .435

Donlin Is Fastidious.

against Mullin.

then and there that I would continue

had been changed he would have lost

his natural swing and ability.

bat differently-Connie Mack

step toward first base.

of hitting.

"'I'm going to quit the team and go into the navy!"

"'If you do I'll give you \$500 and remit the fine!' replied Chance, earnestly, and Cole decided to remain with

"Fielder Jones, in my opinion, was another great baseball leader. He tempered, fair-minded critic of the knew how to drive his men. We had mistakes made by his players. Had he a great team when the White Sox, lived he would have received all the called the hitless wonders, beat us in credit for the greatness of the Cubs a fall series, a feat that was entirely due to Jones' pluck and pugnacity. "I don't believe Chance can pick up Too bad Jones quit baseball, for he and develop young players, but he would have kept the White Sox al-

"You've got to hand it to John Mcdisciplinarian and a great field gen- Graw, too. He keeps the Giants huseral. As'a first baseman and batter tling and that wins games. McGraw he was at the top of the heap and set has made baseball in New York and is entitled to all the praise he re-

# Connie Mack Told Hard Hitting "Nap" AROUND

before he was scored on. The Chicago White Sox have turned Catcher Tom Carney over to Sioux

plate when he faces the pitcher, but City. St. Louis has sold Hickory Johnson, secured by the waiver route from the Theoretically a batter who pulls Giants, to Omaha.

Phillies are said to be after Laddy Linke, former Nap southpaw, now with Indianapolis.

Nick Allen, former White Sox catcher who was with Des Moines, has reported to Minneapolis.

President Fogel has determined to stick to 3:30 as the time for starting games in Philadelphia. The Brooklyn Club has released Pitcher Dent to the Newark Club of

the International League. Zimmerman's work at first makes Cub fans wonder why Manager Chance

didn't think of him before.

The Milwaukee club has signed Pitcher Bruce Noel and Outfielder Capron of the Pittsburg team. Infielder Barney Reilly has been released by Brooklyn to the St. Joseph

club of the Western League. Pitcher Jack Pfleister is back in the Association in another uniform. Chicago having sold him to Milwau-

Probably the reason Cincinnati is now playing good ball is that the play- pears McGraw was not agreeable to ers have run out of hard luck ex-

Pitcher Gaiser, returned to the New York Americans by Rochester, has been turned over to the Wilkesbarre

Ty Cobb and Crumb Kahler have declared a vendetta. Cobb says the Nap pitcher purposely hit him with a pitched ball.

The showing of Catcher Wingo with the Cardinals every time he gets a chance makes one wonder why Bliss is in the game. In spite of auto accidents, railroad

seems to be as frisky as ever on the signed with the Tigers on condition coaching lines. Manager Davis is repeating, "I love lease if he wasn't retained. Jennings you, I love you not," as he considers

pair of left fielders. They do say in Cleveland that Lefty George is a warm weather pitcher and work against the Philadelphia Athwill not be started again until the letics while he was under trial with weather begins to boil.

Columbus used fifteen men and Minnesota thirteen in one game. The score was just as bad, 11 to 10, with Minneapolis on the long end. Joe Yeager continues to hold down

third base for the Royals in a manner that excites the envy of the youngsters breaking into the game. Cleveland has turned Catcher Bert Whaling back to Seattle. The Naps are left with four catchers, Easterly,

Roy Hartzel is pretty lucky to come out of his collision with Bert Daniels with nothing more than a headache. It was feared for awhile that he was

done for. The American League is going up. Mike Donlin changes his clothes three times a day and tries to make The offices of President Johnson have ington. In each case the player rebeen moved from the thirteenth to as many base hits each day. Hans Wagner wears the same togs all day, the fifteenth floor of the Fisher build-but he makes base hits just the same. ing in Chicago.

LEAVE FOR OLYMPIC JUNE 15

Date of Sailing of Athletes Is Tentatively Announced in New York-Steamer Is Chartered.

The date for the sailing of the American Olympic team is tentatively announced as June 15. The committee has chartered the steamship Finland for the trip, and the boat will be elaborately equipped for the accommodation of the athletes. A track one-eighth of a mile in length will be laid out for the runners and there will be ample spaces assigned for jumping pits and arenas for the shotputters and weight men. The boat has a fine gymnasium and a large swimming tank.

The Finland will serve as a hotel for the team from the time the boat sails from New York till it docks there on its rearn. The boat will arrive in Stockholm about ten days before the opening of the Olympic program on July 6 and will leave on its return July 18, three days after the officials close the festival.

The Finland is a larger craft than either the Barbarossa, on which the American athletes sailed to Athens for the Olympic program of 1906, or the St. Paul, which took them to London for the Olympic games of 1908. Accommodations will be reserved for 300 passengers in addition to the athletes, as the treasurer hopes to pay at least part of the expense of transporting the team by revenue gained from other passengers.

#### CHIEF MYERS AS A SLUGGER

Mission Indian Is One of Most Wonderful Batsman in Game Today-Valuable Player.

Manager McGraw did not get Chief Myers as cheap as Connie Mack procured some of his stars and though the Little Napoleon had to fork over "I think that the late Frank Selee | slapping on fines for boob plays. I a stiff sum for the slugging redskin.



Big Chief Myers.

the amount John J. paid for him. The "Big Chief" is one of the most wonderful batsmen the game ever produced, and if he continues to hit at the remarkable pace he has set this season, he is likely to shatter all batting records in baseball. Day after day the Mission Indian peals off two or three hits, and generally draws a pass or two on the side, as the pitchers as a rule transfer him to first when runners are on the bases. From being a green catcher with plenty to learn, as Myers was in 1909 when he joined the Giants, the chief has worked his way to the front, and is now not only the most valuable player on the Giants, but promises to become the most valuable player in the National league before the season is over.

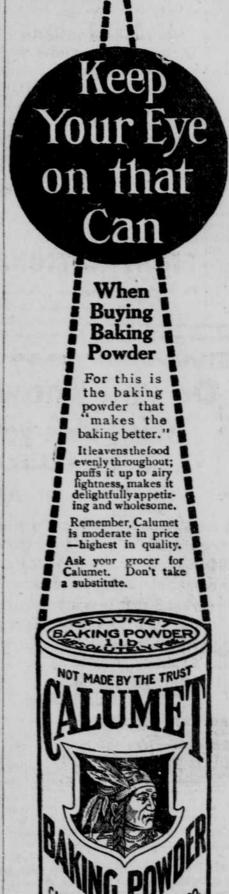
McGraw Didn't Consent Philadelphia fans took off their hats to John McGraw because he "consented" to calling off games to give the Phillies a chance to brace, but it apthe postponements and "consented" because the home club exercised its authority and said the grounds were in no condition to play on. McGraw has begun agitation to restore to the umpires the right to say when the grounds are fit. In spite of all the Philly complaining, the team they are able to put in the field looks as good on paper as some other teams go through a season with.

Lucky to Get Maroney. Chance considers himself fortunate in getting Maroney, the new left handwrecks and defeats, Hugh Jennings er turned adrift by Detroit. Maroney that he be given his unconditional refound that Bill Burns would fill his Jack Graney and Heinie Butcher, his needs, so he allowed Maroney to go and Chance Grabbed him up. Maroney was signed on the strength of his the Phillies.

Clarke Needed an Actor.

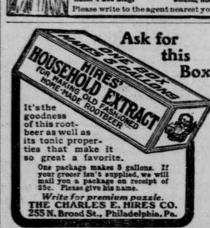
"The only reason I traded Campbell for Donlin," says Clarke, "is that we needed an actor on our team. The Giants and Cubs each have an actor, and we are entitled to one ,to." Clarke handed this to Murphy when the Chicago owner began to discuss the whys and wherefores of the Pittsburg-Boston deal.

Association Players Suspended. Five members of the Toledo Baseball club of the American association were indefinitely suspended, according to a bulletin issued by President Chivfused to sign a contract. The suspended players are Braden, Graham. Booth, Bowers and Bradley.



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