



CHAPTER XVII.—(CONTINUED.)
"Go after him," cries Taker, "and don't let your eyes be off of him until I see you again. Remember, watch him like a hawk."

all or enough to show him what is written, and he stands gazing in wonder upon the strange discovery.
It is the missing leaf from the doctor's note-book!

CHAPTER XVIII.
FOR THE BENEFIT OF SCIENCE.
The clocks in the neighborhood have just struck the hour of midnight, led off by the heavy booming of the one in the tower of the cathedral.

It will be a terrible witness against Adrian Dyke," he mutters.
"Rap, rap, rap! Some one is at the door. The doctor turns in surprise. Who can want him upon such a night? It must be something serious to bring any one out in the storm."



"IT IS THE MISSING LEAF,"
muttered with you. If you come upon business, please state it briefly; if not I shall be obliged to show you the door."

sure himself that it is the one meant, and then says:
"Are I said before your greeting is not very cordial. Well, I won't harbor any malice on that account, it is not to be expected. You did not know I was coming. It has been twenty years since you saw me. I am probably changed. Twenty years does change a man some. It has worked miracles in you. Look at me, my boy, don't you recognize something familiar about me? Ah! there something in my general appearance that you have seen before? Think."

DID HE REACH IT?

INTREPID DR. NANSEN IS HOMEWARD BOUND.
Sends a Message, Which, However, Does Not Say Whether the Pole Was Reached.

London, Feb. 17.—The British consul at Archangel, the capital of the Russian government of that name, telegraphs a confirmation of the report that Dr. Nansen is returning from the North pole. This is regarded as conclusive that the Norwegian explorer is homeward bound, even if he did not reach the pole.

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

The General Business Situation Does Not Meet Expectations.
New York, Feb. 17.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:
The weather still hinders business and continued closeness of money follows the prolonged inaction of Congress, but confidence increases.

UNCLE SAM'S NAVY.

Eight New Vessels Will Be Ready for Commission July 1.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Owing to the rapidity with which the work of constructing naval vessels is being pushed, eight ships will be added to the naval list for commission before the first of July.

NO APOLOGY OFFERED.

Dunraven Acknowledges the Receipt of the New York Yacht Club Decision.
LONDON, Feb. 17.—The purport of Lord Dunraven's replies to the New York Yacht club were obtained this afternoon. The letter to Mr. Phelps is the most important. It treats in detail the finding of the committee, but no apology is offered to the New York Yacht club for the failure of his lordship to substantiate the charges brought against Defender. Lord Dunraven clings to the evidence he submitted to the committee.

GEN. GREELEY DUBIOUS.

The Arctic Explorer Talks About the Report From Nansen.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The message from Archangel confirming the report of the return of Nansen, from the North pole, does not amount to a confirmation in the opinion of General Greeley and of Lieutenant Schantz. The latter, with the possible exception of Commodore Melville, who is temporarily absent from Washington, is better posted than any other official in Washington upon the characteristics of the North Siberian coast, which he has visited on a government mission, being charged with the distribution of rewards to the natives who aided the survivors of the unfortunate Jeannette expedition.

Called attention to another point, that if Nansen had really emerged from the Polar regions, anywhere off the Siberian coast then he has himself disproved the correctness of the theory upon which his expedition was embarked. It would show that instead of their existing a current across the pole, there was a current that swept him up from the neighborhood of Bennett island to the pole and then turned back and returned him to his starting point.

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BRUTAL FOOTPADS.

An Old Man Assaulted and Robbed and Left to Die Under a Tree.
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KANSAS POPULISTS.

Two Conventions Decided Upon by the State Central Committee.
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Three Governments Interested in the Scheme for Travel by Balloon.
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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Representatives of the Southwestern Millers' association are in Washington hustling Congressmen for reciprocity laws on export of breadstuffs.
The new 4 per cent bonds are not so much in demand in the open market.
The Nebraska Prohibition convention declared for free silver at 16 to 1.
A blacksmith shot and killed an officer at Frankfort, Ky., and was himself slain.

CHICAGO'S BIBLE.

The Book Is for Use in the Public Schools and Is Non-Sectarian.
CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The new Bible prepared for use in the public schools has been completed and will be submitted to the board of education for approval. The aim of those who compiled the book was to prepare a work that would be unobjectionable to any denomination.

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