CHAPTER XXII-Continued.

John Burt had seated himself at his desk, which he was putting in order. Surprised at Sam's positive statement he turned quickly. He saw Blake standing by the door. A shaft of sunlight fell full on his face. His hand was on the knob, and he stood motionless as if riveted to the floor. There was that in his expression and attitude which challenged John Burt's attention,

Students of psychological phenomena may offer an explanation of the impalpable impression received by John Burt in that moment. His was the dominating mind; Blake's the subjective. By that mysterious telepathy which mocks analysis and scorns description a message passed to John Burt. He yet lacked the cipher to translate it. It dotted no definite warning and sounded none but a vague suspicion, but the vibration. though faint, was discordant.

John Burt glanced at Blake and turned to Sam

"You surely are mistaken, Sam," he said. "Miss Carden is abroad and will not sail for New York for several

"Is that so?" Sam ran his fingers through his red hair and looked puzzled. "That's mighty curious! I've got an eye like a hawk, an' I'd a sworn it was her. I met her once or twice when she was here before, an' thought sure it was her I saw yesterday. Must be wong, though. Guess I'd better begin wearin' glasses. So ye ain't seen her yet, John? I'll bet she'll be plumb glad tew meet you. We was talkin' erbout ye the last time I saw her. That's two years ago. She hadn't forgot ye. John.'

Blake closed the door and Sam turned at the click of the latch.

Why, here's Jim! Well, well! well! Here we are all together. Thought I are my personal friends. I'm a busiwouldn't know John, didn't ye? I

didn't I, John? And so old Rocky

Woods has turned out the great firm

of James Blake & Company! I want

to congratulate both of ye. Are ye

all through work? Let's go somewhere

where we can have somethin' in honor

of this mce-mentous occasion. Come

"Many thanks for your invitation,

Sam, and I'd like to accept it, but it's

hardly safe," said John. "In a few

weeks I hope to enjoy your hospital-

ity and to extend mine, but until that

time I am 'John Burton,' and you don't

know me. Sit down, Sam, we wish

to discuss a business matter, or per-

haps more accurately speaking, a

political one. Jim, send one of the

clerks out for a magnum, and we'll

drink Sam's health here. I'm still an

exile, Sam. Until an hour ago Jim

was the only man in New York who

was acquainted with me. But I'm

filing away prison bars, and you can

"I can help you?" echoed Sam. "You

just call on me fer anything except

Blake had been singularly quiet

but he joined in the laugh which fol-

lowed, and left the room to order the

sympathetically. "Looks sorter peaked

"I noticed that this morning and

told him so," John replied. "He has

been under a severe strain for weeks.

and possibly the change of climate

doesn't agree with him. I'm going to

send him into the country for a few

days. He is entitled to a rest, and

there's no reason why he shouldn't

have it. Jim and I have been through

many hard fought engagements to-

gether, but at last a decisive victory

is in sight. Do you know Arthur Mor-

"You bet I do; but he don't know

Blake returned and took a seat near

me except as Alderman Samuel L.

Rounds. Why d'ye ask, John?"

ris?" he asked abruptly.

like; don't you think so, John?"

'Jim ain't lookin' well," said Sam.

murder-an' I might manage that."

help me, Sam."

proposed refreshment.

on, boys, it's my treat!"

my tellin' ye erbout this fellow Mor-He's nothin' more er less'n a high toned thief. He owns, or thinks he owns the Board of Aldermen. Perhaps he does, but to my way of thinkin' he's likely to be fooled. There's er lot of new members who are agin him, an' some of the old ones that he bought before want ter be bought agin, an' they have raised their price. Morris was tew my house last night. Say, John, I wonder what he'd think

Darned if this ain't a funny world." "What did Morris have to say?" asked Blake, who did not need to counterfeit an interest in this new development.

if he knew I was in your office now?

"He had er lot tew say," replied Sam. "A year ago he offered me five thousand dollars fer my vote. I told him then that I couldn't do business with him, an' he managed tew pass his bills agin my vote an' infloo-ence. Guess he wants me pretty bad just now. Last night he raised his price tew ten thousand."

"'These ordinances are all right an' fer the benefit of the public,' says this self-sacrificing Morris. 'I'm sorry, Alderman Rounds,' he says, 'that you're prejudiced agin them. If you'll change your mind there's six other aldermen who'll dew the same, an' when the bills are passed ye gits ten thousand

more. "That's what he said tew me," continued Sam, "an' I told him that he was a liberal sport, an' that I'd take his offer under consideration an' hold it in abec-ance. Then I asked him who the six others were who'd follow my lead, an' he told me. The seven of us gives him a majority."

"Was that all?" "I should say not," declared Sam. 'I said tew him, says I, 'Mr. Morris, I knows all these aldermen, an' they ness gent,' I says, 'havin' been in hoss

Under the witchery of her presence, James Blake wondered that he had hesitated for a moment to risk life itself to win her. What was friendship, loyalty, fame or fortune in the balance with one smile from the woman he had learned so suddenly to love? His whole being thrilled with keenest joy as he felt the faint clasp of her hand, and his ears drank in the melody of her voice.

his heart beat high as Jessie frankly

welcomed him.

"Papa was saying at dinner that the market had taken a decided turn, and that he thought you would call this evening," said Jessie. "He felt so certain of it that we postponed a theater party. You are to be congratulated, papa, on your intuition."

"I am the one to be congratulated," said Blake, with a smile and a bow, "but I should preface my self-felicitations with an apology for the informality of my call. If Gen. Carden will stand sponsor for my plea that business exigencies cover a multitude, of social improprieties, I may hope for forgiveness; and, if forgiven, I warn you that I shall commit the offense again!"

A celicate flush suffused Jessie's face and brightened the radiance of her eyes.

"You will never become an outcast by such transgressions," she laughed. "I will leave you and papa to your business plottings. Edith is here, and when you have ended your serious affairs perhaps you will join us and we can have music or cards."

Blake's face glowed with a pleasure no formal words could conceal.

"Our business will be ended in minute," he said. "I know the general has not forgotten the defeat we administered to him the other evening, and as an old soldier I fancy he is eager to wipe out his repulse with a victory."

"He certainly is," asserted Gen. Carden. "I'm so sure of winning tonight that on behalf of Edith I challenge you and Jessie to a rubber of whist, with a box to-morrow evening for Booth's production of 'A Fool's Revenge' as a wager!"

"Done!" exclaimed Blake.

"I warn you that papa generally wins when something is at stake, said Jessie, "but I'll do the best I can, and hope for good luck to offset my poor playing."

She excused herself, and Blake and Gen. Carden plunged into stock tech-

"I wished you to know the cause of to-day's advance in L. & O.," explained Blake. "For reasons you surmise, I am picking up blocks of this stock. It will go higher to-morrow, and then a slump may follow, but you need not worry whether it advances or declines. I have the market under control. From present indications you will be called on to exercise your option inside of ten days."

"I have confidence in your judgment and you can rely on prompt execution of your instructions," said Gen. Carden. "For twenty years I have been identified with Wall street, and I understand its ethics. In this compaign you are the general. You

will find me a loyal aide." There was more talk, but Blake had nothing of importance to disclose, the conference soon ended.

Blake was triumphantly satisfied with his progress. He rightly interpreted Gen. Carden's suggestion of a theater party as a tacit permission to pay his addresses to Jessie Carden. Later in the evening, through a chance remark by Miss Hancock, he

learned that they had declined a theater invitation from Arthur Morris. He no longer had the slightest fear of Morris. He felt sure of the consent and even the support of Gen. Carden in his suit for the hand of his daughter. The whist game was closely con-

tested, out as Jessie had predicted the general and Edith won a hardfought victory, and Blake agreed to civil pay the wager the evening following. (To be continued.)

HE WAS AFTER MORE.

Overworked Man Carried Out Bluff to the Last.

Two brothers, both active, young business men of this city, went lately to visit an uncle, a short, stout, lighthearted man of 60, who owns a farm up state. They found him loading hay into a cart. Wishing to impress his nephews with his agility, he declared he could stack hay as fast as they could pitch it. The nephews accepted the challange, threw off their coats and when he had mounted the rack, fork in hand, work commenced.

The boys lifted large forkfuls rap; idly and all went well while the body of the rack was being filled. But when the load began to settle above and beyend the stakes and it became necessary to place each forkful in the proper place for binding the mass below things became a little mixed up on top of the load. Still their uncle

yelled out at the top of his voice: "More hay! More hay! Drat it, boys, you don't keep me half husy!"

The boys tossed the hay up faster, and the old man's puffing as he struggled to keep his head above the flood could be plainly heard. At length, what with his struggling and his choking and his being blinded under the thick coming mass, and the clumsy, ill fashioned manner in which be had piled the last half dozen forkfuls. the top of the load slid off upon the ground and the old man with it.

"Hello, Uncle Sam, what are you down here for?" asked one of the nephews.

"Down here for," gasped the old man, struggling up from the choking, blinding pile, "why, consarn yer lazy, good for nothing pictures, I've come down after more hay!"-New York

ROOSEVELT NOTIFIED OF NOMINATION has been done in the immediate past. We ask that sober and sensible men compare the workings of the present obtain under it, with the workings of the preceding tariff law of 1894 and the conditions which that tariff of 1894 helped to bring about.

Speaker Cannon, Chairman of the National Committee, Makes the Address.

RESPONSE OF PRESIDENT THERETO

Chief Executive Touches Upon Some of the Issues That Will Be Before the People in the Coming Campaign.

July 27th President Roosevelt was formally notified of his nomination for the presidency by the national republican convention. The ceremony took place at his country home at Sagamore Hill. There was, first of all, an informal reception, at the conclusion of which Speaker Cannon, chairman lican convention. The ceremony took place at his country home at Sagamore Hill. There was, first of all, an informal reception, at the conclusion of which Speaker Cannon, chairman of the notification committee, delivered his address, as follows:

Mr. President: The people of the United States by blod, heredity, education and practice are a self-governing people. We have sometimes been subject to prejudice and embarrassment from harmful conditions, but we have outgrown prejudice and overcome conditions as rapidly as possible, having due regard to law and the rights of individuals. We have sometimes made mistakes form a false sense of security or from a desire to change policies, instead of letting well enough alone, merely to see what would happen, but we have always paid the penalty of unwise action at the ballot box and endured the suffering until under the law, through the ballot box, we have returned to correct policies. Tested by experience no nation has so successfully solved all problems and chosen proper policies as our nation. Under the lead of the republican party for over forty years, the United States from being a third-class power among the nations has become in every respect first. The people rule. The people ruling it is necessary that they should be competent to rule. Competency requires not only patriotism, but material well-being, education and statecraft.

Liberal compensation for labor makes liberal customers or our prod-

statecraft.

Liberal compensation for labor makes liberal customers or our products. Under this policy of protection our home market affords all our people a better market than has any other people on earth, and this, too, even if we did not sell any of our products abroad. In addition to this, we have come to be the greatest exporting nation in the world. For the year ending June 30, 1904, our exports to foreign countries were valued at \$1,469,000,000,000 were products of the factory. The world fell in our debt last year \$470,000,000, nn increase of \$75,000,000 over the preceding year. ceding year.

Dilemma of Democracy.

This policy of protection has always been opposed by the opponents of the republican party and is opposed by them today. In their last national platform, adopted at St. Louis, they denounce protection as robbery. They never have been given power, but they proceed by word and act to destroy the policy of protection. Their platform is as silent as the grave touching the gold standard and our currency system. Their chosen leader, after his nomination, having been as silent as the sphinx up to that time, sent his telegram, saying in substance that the gold standard is established and that he will govern himself accordingly if he should be elected.

Correct revenue laws, protection or

bearing and irredeemable, the sole standard of value.

Since the republican party was restored to power, in 1897, under the lead of McKinley, our country has prospered in production and in compression of the prospered before. In wealth we stand first among all the nations. Under the lead of William McKinley the war with Spain was speedily brought to a successful conclusion. Under the treaty of peace and our action Cuba is free, and, under guarantees writen in its constitution and our legislation, it is assured that it will ever remain free. We also acquired Forto Rico, Guam and the Philippines by a treaty the ratification of which was only possible by the votes of democratic senators. Civil government has been established in Porto Rico, and we are journeying toward civil government in the Philippines as rapidly as the people of the archipelago are able to receive it; and this, too, notwithstanding the false cry of "imperialism" raised by the democratic party and still insisted upon, which led to insurrection in the Philippines and tends to lead to further insurrection there. The record of the republican party under the lead of William McKinley has passed into history. Who dares assail it?

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In pursuance of the usual custom the In pursuance of the usual custom the conventon appointed a committee, of which it honored me with the chairmanship, to wait upon you and inform you of its action, which duty, speaking for the committee. I now cheerfuly perform, with the hope and the confident expectation that a majority of the people of the republic will in November hext approve the action of the convention by choosing electors who will assure your election to the presidency as your own successor.

More Fortunate Than Opponents.

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We believe in reciprocity with foreign nations on the terms outlined in President McKinley's last speech, which urged the extension of our foreign markets by reciprocal agreements whenever they could be made without injury to American industry and laber. It is a singular fact that the only great reciprocity treaty recently adopted—that with Cuba—was finally opposed alone by the representatives of the very party which now states that it favors reciprocity. And here again we ask that the worth of our words be judged by comparing their deeds with ours. On this Cuban reciprocity treaty there were at the outset grave differences of opinion among ourselves; and the notable thing in the negotiation and ratification which carried it into effect, was the highly practically manner in which without sacrice of principle these differences of opinion were reconciled. There was no rupture of a great party, but an excellent practical outcome, the result of the harmonious co-operation of two successive presidents and two successive congresses. This is an illustration of the governing capacity which entitles us to the confidence of the people not only in our purposes but in our practical ability to achieve those purposes. Judging by the history of the last twelve years, down to this very month, is there justification for believing that under similiar circumstances and with similar initial differences of qpinion, our opponents would have achieved any practical result?

We have already shown in actual fact that our policy is to do fair and equal justice to all men, paying no heed to whether a man is rich or poor; paying no heed to his race, his creed, or his birthplace.

Capital and Labor.

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Sam.

"Our firm is interested in the ordinances submitted to your Board, by the terms of which new and amended franchises are proposed for the Cosmopolitan Improvement Company," began John. "I have studied the record of the proceedings, and find that you spoke and voted against these bills when originally proposed and passed. Do you mind telling me, Sam, what you know of this matter? Can you do so without violating your trust?"

"You bet I can; an' I know a lot," declared Sam. "I was comin' over to tell Jim, anyhow, an' I reckon I know what you are after. There's no use of | banker with dignified cordiality, and | Press.

knew him the moment he spoke. I tradin' an' in the commission business all my life, an' perhaps this game is right in my line. Suppose I contract,' says I, 'to deliver all these seven votes,' I says, 'fer the lump sum of eighty thousand dollars; forty per cent. down in cash an' the balance paid over when the bills is passed?" Morris thought a while an' said he'd be glad tew dew that. I told him I'd think erbout it a lot an' let him

HE SAW BLAKE

know in a few days." Sam paused and looked keenly first

at John Burt and then at Blake. "I hope you don't think, John," he said, "that I'd any idea of takin' his

"I certainly do not," said John. "I'm simply astounded that Morris has done the one thing I would have him do. That is a rare piece of good fortune, Jim, isn't it?"

"It's great luck," declared Blake, with genuine enthusiasm. Under the stimulus of Sam's disclosures he forgot Jessie for the moment, and again took his position side by side with John Burt.

"I reckon I know what tew dew," asserted Sam. "I'm tew see these six aldermen that Morris needs, an' then I'm goin' tew meet him an' make my report. If it's all right he's tew pay me thirty-two thousand dollars in cash an' put the balance up with some man that I name. There's three of these aldermen that Morris couldn't buy if he offered each of 'em the whole lump

sum, an' I can handle the others." "That is all right so far as it goes," interrupted John Burt, "but Morris is shrewd enough to demand positive pledges before paying over any such amount of money. You should have year aldermanic friends sign and execu'e written promises to support these bills, and keep certified copies of the same. These agreements will not be binding, legally or morally. I will consult my attorneys in this matter and let you know the best methods of

procedure." "All right, John; anything you say goes with me," laughed Sam. "When shall I drop in agin?"

"Early to-morrow morning," replied John. "Send word to Judge Wilson. Jom, that I shall call on him this evening."

CHAPTER XXIV.

On Thin Ice.

Blake found a ready excuse to call on Gen. Carden. The pronounced activity in L. & O. served as a pretext for an evening visit to the Bishop residence. Blake was greeted by the old