

SYNOPSIS.

enator John Calhoun is invited to be-ime secretary of state in Tyler's cab-rel 1b declares that if he accepts Texas and Oragon must be added to the Union. He sends his secretary, Nicholas Trist, to sik the Buroness von Ritz, spy of the fritish ambassador, Fakenham, to call at the apartments. While searching for the aroness' home, a carriage drives up and licholas is invited to enter. The occupant the baroness, and she asks Nicholas hotes that the baroness has lost a slipper. She licks this event the remaining slipper as a bledge that sue will tell Calhoun what he rentions to know regarding England's in-entions to know regarding England's in-entions to know regarding England's in-the barones has raised the cry of "Fi-bro fus sweetheart, Elizabeth Churchill, tyler tells Pakenham that joint occupa-tion of Oregon with England, must cease, that the west has raised the cry of "Fi-ty-four Forty, or Fight." Calhoun be-sense secretary of state. He orders incholas to Montreal on state buainess, and the latter plans to be marified that ight. The baroness says she will try to prevent the mariage. A drunken con-ressman whom Nicholas asks to assist a the wedding arrangements, sends the aroness's silper to Elizabeth, by misprevent the marriage. A drunken con-reessman whom Nicholas asks to assist in the wedding arrangements, sends the aroness' slipper to Elizabeth, by mis-ake, and the wedding is declared off. Nicholas finds the baroness in Montreal, the having succeeded, where he failed, in environment of the signal state in the slip-per he had in his possession contained a note from the attache of Texas to the British ambassador, saying that if the United States did not annex Texas with-in 30 days, she would lose both Texas and Oregon. Nicholas meets a naturalist, Yon Rittenhefen, who gives him information bout Oregon. The baroness and a British warship disappear from Montreal simul-taneously. Calboun engages Von Ritten-bofen to make maps of the western coun-try. Calboun orders Nicholas to head a party of settlers bound for Oregon. Nicholas has an unsatisfactory interview with Elizabeth. Calboun excites the pealonsy of Senors Yturrio and thereby Elizabeth. Calhoun excites the sy of Senora Yturrio and thereby s the signature of the Texas at-to a treaty of annexation. Nicholas starts for Oregon.

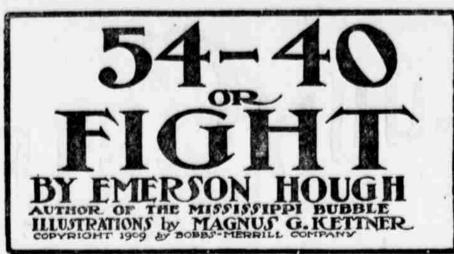
# CHAPTER XXV.

#### Oregon.

The spell and the light of each path we pursue-If woman be there, there is happiness

too. Moore.

Twenty miles a day, week in and week out, we edged westward up the Platte, in heat and dust part of the time, often plagued at night by clouds of mosquitoes. Our men endured the penalties of the journey without comment. I do not recall that I ever heard even the weakest woman complain. Thus at last we reached the South pass of the Rockles, not yet half done our journey, and entered upon that portion of the trail west of the Rockles, which had still two mountain ranges to cross, and which was even more apt to be infested by the hostile Indians. Even when we



now we lighted the fires of many hundred homes.

# CHAPTER XXVI.

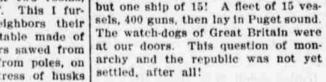
# The Debated Country.

The world was sad, the garden was wild! The man, the hermit, sighed-till woman --Campbell. amiled!

upon Dr. McLaughlin, the factor at Our army of peaceful occupation Fort Vancouver, and accepted head of scattered along the more fertile parts the British elements thereabouts. Two of the land, principally among the valleys. Of course, it should not be rumors, and a vastly dangerous tenforgotten that what was then called sion existed in all the American set-Oregon meant all of what now is emtlements, because word was spread braced in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, with part of Wyoming as well. It extended south to the Mexican posothers at Oregon City messengers sessions of California. How far north from peace-loving Dr. McLaughlin, it was to run, it was my errand here asking us to join him in a little celeto learn.

bration in honor of the arrival of her I settled near the mouth of the Wilmajesty's vessel. lamette river, near Oregon City, and not far from where the city of Portnews not wholly to my liking which I land later was begun; and builded for soon unearthed. The Modeste was myself a little cabin of two rooms, with a connecting roof. This I furnished, as did my neighbors their similar abode, with a table made of hewed puncheons, chairs sawed from blocks, a bed framed from poles, on which lay a rude mattress of husks and straw.

From the eastern states I scarcely could now hear in less than a year,



for another wagon train could not kindly host who finds himself with

Fort Vancouver, because it is unpleasant to recite the difficulties of a

which more than a year before I had

News travels fast in wild countries,

and it took us little time to learn the

destination of the Modeste. She came

to anchor above Oregon City, and well

below Fort Vancouver. At once, of

course, her officers made formal calls

us. Then came to myself and certain

Here at last was news; but it was

seen at anchor off Montreal!

I pass the story of the banquet at

THE VEIL IS LIFTED SUFFERED the English navy-the same ship

ing figure. which in some way seemed to be different from the blanket-covered squaws who stalked here and there about the post grounds. She passed steadily on toward a long and low log cabin, located a short distance beyond the quarters which had been assigned to me. I saw her step up to the door and heard her knock; then there came a flood of light-more light than was usual in the opening door of a frontier cabin. This disweeks passed in rumors and counter played the figure of the night walker, showing her tall and gaunt and a little stooped; so that, after all, I took her to be only one of our American fronthat England had sent a ship to oust tier women, being quite sure that she was not Indian or half-breed

> This emboldened me, on a mere chance-an act whose mental origin I could not have traced-to step up to the door after it had been closed, and myself to knock thereat.

> I heard women's voices within, and as I knocked the door opened just a trifle on its chain. I saw appear at the crack the face of the woman whom I had followed.

She was, as I had believed, old and wrinkled, and her face now, seen close, was as mysterious, dark and inscrutable as that of any Indian squaw. Her hair fell heavy and gray across her forehead, and her eyes were small and dark as those of a native woman. Yet, as she stood there with the light streaming upon her, I saw something in her face which made me puzzle, ponder and start-and put my foot within the crack of the door. "Threika," I said quietly, "tell madam the baroness it is I, Mons, Trist of Washington."

## CHAPTER XXVII.

#### In the Cabin of Madam. Woman must not belong to herself; she ound to alien destinies .- Friedrich von Schiller.

With an exclamation of surprise, the old woman departed from the door. I heard the rustle of a footfall. I could have told in advance what face would now appear outlined in the candle glow-with eyes wide and startled, with lips half parted in query. It was the face of Helena, Baroness von Ritz!

"Eh bien! madam, why do you bar me out?" I said, as though we had parted but yesterday.

In her sheer astonishment, I pre-

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SENDING OF TROOPS TO BORDER NO LONGER MYSTERY.

Washington .- That the administration has decided to dissemble no longer its reasons for the sudden and unprecedented movement of troops to the Mexican border is indicated by the following dispatch from the staff correspondent of the Associated press. who is accompanying President Taft on his journey to Atlanta. The dispatch, dated Charlottesville, Va., through which place the president's train passed, is as follows:

"All doubt as to the purpose of the government in sending 20,000 troops to the Mexican border has at last been swept away. The United States has determined that the revolution in the republic to the south must end. The American troops have been sent to form a solid military wall along the Rio Grande to stop filibustering and to see that there is no further smuggling of arms and men across the international boundary.

"It is believed that with this source of contrabrand supplies cut off the insurrectionary movement which has disturbed conditions generally for almost a year, without accomplishing anything like the formation of a responsible independent government will speedily come to a close.

# Tons of Powder Explode.

Pleasant Prairie, Wis .- Five pow der magazines of the Du Pont-De Nemours Powder company, containing 180 tons of finished black powder and dynamite, exploded at the plant of the company, one mile northeast of here. One man is known to be dead, Miss Alice Finch of Elgin, Ill., dropped dead of heart disease, caused by fright, 250 people were injured, several hundred houses were blown down or were damaged as to be uninhabitable and buildings ten miles away were wrecked.

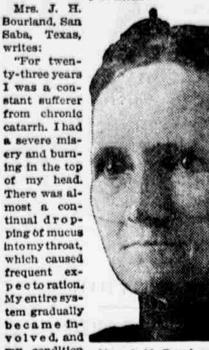
The force of the explosion was felt more than 100 miles from here, its effects being evident in broken windows as far away as Michigan City, Ind., a distance of 109 miles. In all the towns along the short of Lake Michigan. from Milwaukee to Michigan City, windows were broken and buildings smashed.

### **Robbed of Entire Fortune.**

Paris .- Three men describing themselves as Italian noblemen were arrested, charged with having swindled Lleven Hart, a young American, out of \$52,000 According to the story told by Hart, he met the strangers at his hotel in the Place de L'etoile and was enticed by them to various gambling clubs. During the visits to these places he says that the men, by the use of marked cards and other devices, robbed him of his entire fortune.

**Constant Sufferer From Chron-**

Peruna.



my condition Mrs. J. H. Bourland. grew worse. I

had an incessant cough and frequent attacks of billous collc, from which it seemed I could not recover. My bowels also became affected, causing alarming attacks of hemorrhages. I tried many remedies, which gave only temporary relief or no relief at all. I at last tried Peruna, and in three days I was relieved of the bowel derangement. After using five bottles I was entirely cured. I most cheerfully recommend the use of Peruna to any one similarly afflicted."

Scoundrel's Last Refuge. Patriotism is the last refuge of . scoundrel.-Johnson.

A cup of Garfield Tea before retiring insure that all-important measure, the daily cleaning of the system.

Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom. -Coleridge

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I honor any man anywhere, who in the conscientious discharge of what he believes to be his duty, dares to stand alone .- Charles Sumner.

Sore Throat is no trifling ailment. It will sometimes carry infection to the en-Hamlins Wizard Oil cures Sore Throat,

#### Tasted Good.

"I saw John, the butler, smacking his lips just now as he went out. Had he been taking anything, Katie?" aswed the mistress.

"What was he doin', ma'am?" asked the pretty waiting girl.



reached the ragged trading post, Fort Hall, we had still more than 600 miles to go.

By this time our forces had wasted as though under assault of arms. Far back on the trail, many had been forced to leave prized belongings, relics, helrlooms, implements, machinery, all conveniences. The finest of mahogany blistered in the sun, abandoned and unheeded. Our trail might have been followed by discarded implements of agriculture, and by whitened bones as well. Our footsore teams, gaunt and weakened, began to faint and fall. Horses and oven died in the harness or under the yoke, and were perforce abandoned where they fell. Each pound of saperfluous weight was cast away as our motive power thus lessened. Wagons were abandoned, goods were micked on horses. oxen and cows.

We put cows into the yoke now, and used women instead of men on the drivers' seats, and boys who started riding finished afoot.

Gaunt and brown and savage, hungry and grin, ragged, hatless, shoeless, our cavalcade closed up and came

the shoulders of the Blue mountains in our diplomacy.

sions, at Oregon City, and other senttered points, we met them, we hailed and were hailed by them.

Messengers spread abroad the news of the arrival of our wagon train. discuss means of getting back over tunics made our coats, and moccasins nurse, for instance, works with safety Messengers, too, came down from the Hudson bay posts to scan our equipwas no word obtainable from these of any Canadian column of occepation to the porthward which had crossed at the head of the Peace river or the above the point where it receives its Saskatchewan, or which lay ready at the head waters of the Fraser or the lamette, when all at once I heard the hedge in a western fur-trading post. influenza or a common cold; we brew Columbia to come down to the lower settlements for the purpose of bringing to an issue, or making more diff-cult, this question of the joint occurs pancy of Oregon. As a matter of fact, ultimately we light diab Utranscond tinental race so decidedly that there lant spectacle. But whose ship was never was admitted to have been a she? I examined diet colors anxiously second

of right. Our broken, and weakened | Jack! cavalcade asked renewal from the soft itself. We rufiled no drum, fluttered Something of the ship's outline as against the "Bostons."

Our Men Endured the Penalties of the Journey Without Comment.

on, and so at last came through. Ere | start west from the Missouri until the | jarring elements at his board. Preautumn had yellowed all the foliage following spring. We could only cisely this was the situation of white- is troubled with a cold in his head. back east in gentler elimes, we crossed guess how events were going forward haired Dr. McLaughlin of Fort Van- If it be not Persius, it was Horace or and came into the valley of the Walla | The mild winter wore away, and I sembly in the first place. The officers | It is a fact of great interest that

to whiten with the ripening grain. 1 them all. As for us Americans, lean cells

the long trail to the eastward, to our boots. I have seen some noble in a smallpox hospital, where the very carry the news that Oregon was ours, gentlemen so clad in my day. ment and estimate our numbers. There It was at this time that there occurred a startling and decisive event.

> I was on my way on a canoe voyage up the wide Columbia, not far sound of a cannon shot. I turned to see the cloud of blue smoke still hanging over the surface of the water. Slowly there swung into view an occan going vessel under steam and auxiliary ichnyas! "She (maile) h galenough. I caught the import of her

So we took Oregon by the only law ensign. She flew the British Union England had won the race by sea!

no flag, to take possession of the land. seemed to me familiar. I knew the | I was almost at my cabin door at ing's impossible-what would you like But the canvas covers of our wagons set of her short masts, the pitch of the edge of the forest frontage at the to do for us? gave way to permanent roofs. Where her smoke-stacks, the number of her rear of the old post, when I caught Mr. Goodgraft-Endow a few cells we had known a hundred camp-fires, guns.' Yes, she was the Modeste of glimpse, in the dim light, of a hurry- in your favorite prisonal

sume, she let down the fastening chain, and without her invitation I stepped within. I heard her startled "Mon Dieu!" then her more deliberate exclamation of emotion. "My God!" she said. She stood, with her hands caught at her throat, staring at me. I laughed and held out a hand.

"Madam baroness," I said, "how glad I am! Come, has not fate been kind to us again?"

I pushed shut the door behind me. Still without a word, she stepped deeper into the room and stood looking at me, her hands clasped now loosely and awkwardly, as though she were a country girl surprised, and not the Baroness Helena von Ritz, toast or talk of more than one capital of the world.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

WHERE MAN IS NOT MASTER Unable to Discover Secret of Avoiding That Troublesome Cold in

the Head. 16 193116 Man, says Persius, is a very noble

piece of work, and is indeed king of kings except at those times when he couver. It was an incongruous as- Juvenal,

Walla; and so passed thence down the Columbia to the valley of the Wil-lametic, 200 miles yet farther, where there were then some slight centers of our civilization which had gone for-ward the year before. Here were some few Americans, At Champoeg, at the little American mis-sions, at Oregon City, and other scat-to whiten with the transmost came, and other scat-to whiten with the transmost came, and stiff ametic, 200 miles yet farther, where there were then some slight centers of the fluttened on their ma-tive pastures. Champoeg, at the little American mis-sions, at Oregon City, and other scata sort of natural make grew uneasy, feeling myself only an and brown, with hands hardened by antitoxin and keep it in stock, idler in a land so able to fend for ton, our wardrobes scattered over a so that we are henceforth protected igher in a land so able to fend for to , our wardrobes scattered over a so that we are henceforth protected itself. I now was much disposed to thousand miles of trail, buckskin against the disease. A well-vaccinated air is infective; but her blood was so It was, as may be supposed, late in | changed by vaccination that the smallthe night when our somewhat discord- pox cannot affect her. By scarlet feant banqueting party broke up. We ver, again, we are, as it were, vacchwere all housed, as was the hospitable | nated against scarlet fever-the reacfashion of the country, in the scattered tion of our blood against the disease

greatest lower tributary, the Wil- log buildings which nearly always immunizes us. No such result follows The quarters assigned me lay across nothing that is permanent; we are the open space, or what might be fust as susceptible to a later invasion of Fort Van- us we were to the invasion that is just New York.—Twenty-two trunks and called the parade ground of Fort Van- as we were to the invasion that is just

couver, flanked by Dr. McLaughlin's over.

As I made my way home, stumbling

been accorded in view of the occasion,

four little cannon. It will would

The Mean Thingooy of a among the stumps in the dark, I passed in The Suffragette (smilingly)-Won't many semi-drunken Indians and voy- you do something to help our good ageurs, to whom special liberty had eause along, Mr. Goodcraft?(1) Mr Goodcraft-I'd like very much

all of them now engaged in singing to do one thing for you, but I fear the praises of the "King George" men It's impossible. The Suffragette-T-ut! tut! Noth

# Roosevelt Starts Out.

New York.-Col. Theo. Roosevelt. has started on his six weeks trip across the country to the Pacific coast and back again, It is the first four the colonel has made since the recent political campaign. His first stop will be Atlanta, Ga.

Diaz Very Much Alive, Laredo, Tex.-Mt. Miguel Diebold. Mexican consul in this city has received | the following telegram from Mexico City, dated March 9: "President Diaz is enjoying the best of health.

OT "ENRIQUE C. CREEL."

Happy Though Not President. Boston - Decharlage that it was greater pleasure than being president to sit back and see the reforms he had advocated for years being adopt dd by the west, more slowly accepted

Washington, The Mexican embassy terous reports current that the Mexican government was looking to the United States for ald in regulating its internal affairs.

# Elect a New Bishop.

Kansas City .- At a convention of Etiscopal churchmen and laymen here Bishop Sydney C. Partridge of Japan was elected bishop of the diocese of Kansas City to succeed the late Bisboy Raward R. Atwill. C 19VO IC

numerous traveling cases and hat boxes left by Mrs. Katherine Clems mons fould at the Hotel St. Regis as security for an unpaid board bill were included in a tot of unclaimed baggage that was put up for sale at auction ....

Chicago .- Judge Kenesaw M. Landis has fined Frank Golla, who had been charged with oleomargarine "moonshining." and was found guilty, \$5,000 and sentenced him to serve five years in Fort Leavenworth prison.

Smacking his lips.

"Sure, he'd just been smacking mine, ma'am!"---Yonkers Statesman.

#### His Aspiration.

Richard, aged twelve, Warburton, aged fourteen, and Gordon, aged ten, were discussing what they would do with a million dollars. Richard said: "I would buy a motor

boat. Warburton said: "I would spend my million for music and theater tickets." Gordon, the ten-year-old, sniffed at

them derisively. "Hump!" said he, "I'd buy an automobile, and spend the rest in fines!"-Harper's Bazar.

Consumption Spreads in Syria. Consumptives in Syria are treated, today much in the same way as the lepers have been for the last 2,000 years. Tuberculosis is a comparatively recent disease among the Arabs and Syrians, but so rapidly has it spread that the natives are in great fear of it. Consequently when a member of a family is known to have the disease. he is frequently cast out and compelled to die of exposure and want. A small hospital for consumptives has been opened at Beyrout under the direction of Dr. Mary P. Eddy.

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