## The Sea Scourge

CHAPTER XVIII.-(Continued) be river, I believe?" resumed Fox.

"I thought I should go up there."

be sent at the table, Larmon commenced his looks. Only Mary knew the girl, and pace up and down the room, and when wen she did not know all her wondrous quest's face, he did so most le enly. At Marl Laroon's secret thoughts were not ened for Paul to follow him, at the same floated in the stranger guest's soul was time taking a lighted caudle from the not his alone. Into his soul the girl mantel and leaving the room.

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Just as the youth closed the door after she read that night a new and holy truth.

he maiden answered, with some embar- and a shudder crept through his frame. But not a very bappy one, I should

seling sure that he alluded to her looks.

peur mind is well. In spirit and soul you had murdered. And he saw another are at peace." Mary started and gazed fixedly into

like a smile upon it, but it was a very one he smote his breast. end and melancholy one. "Mayhap I know not your meaning."

the at length murmured. She could not high place an answer seemed to come back : and tone forbade it. The guest cast his eyes about the room,

"I have been informed of some cir-

en informed correctly?"

re as though it were her home, nor upon her shoulder. did she seem to think that he was a

dranger who thus supported her.
"Weep not now, my child," he said, in you thus, he would wonder at it." And do you know, then, my guar-

across you, I would help you if it lay in it so?

What do you know of me or mine?

Oh, tell me if you can!" in the morning, but I shall return. mission that you may have more to hope and he stops not to reason.

awaiting the appearance of Laroon.

CHAPTER XIX. closed the door. Paul wondered what seen world.

"Where did you put our guest his countenance that he had some pur Mark approaching the woman. pose in it. After they had grined this place. Mari walked ap and down the room several times before he spoke, and

"Fant," he said at length, stooping in front of the woo lering youth, "you have

we have just left?" Yes," returned the youth, looking up!

with an expression of curiosity. before?" resumed the captain, carefully. the there not something familiar about

There is, certainly," returned Paul, recollection in my s.nd, but it has no form or feature. but why should you

Because I thought you might possibly help me out with the puzzle."

Laroon did not suswer this question pared; but he soon surmounted the diffi- tribed upon the center, and consequentthes burn will:

the lived close by your father's; I think that most be st." That would seem the most reason-

That's it." resumed forcom, starting

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Is another estate further up brightened, and soon afterwards be rejoined his guest.

"Yes," answered Mari; "there is one But there was one other person in that miles up, owned by Loper Garcone. room who watched the countenances of -I mean his boundary all with more than ordinary hierest, there. His dwelling is over fifteen and who surely did so to some effect if the changes of her own face could have been seen. This was Otehewa. She had Laroon would have asked more ones slipped into the room unperceived by one, but at this juncture the meal was all save Mary, when the vuest's supper prepared and the guest moved to the had been brought in; and when he re-The pirate captain had noticed not only been so far behind the projection of the sme peculiarities in the voice and face famb of the fireplace that he did not noof his guest, but the effect that had been tire her. She had beard all, and she produced on Paul. He had seen it all, had seen all; but most particularly now went to a look which Mary herself gave did she watch the movements of Mari he newcomer. After the man had taken Laroon, for she read his thoughts in was where he could look upon his powers of perception and ingenuity. So gth he stopped in his wal, and beck his own, and even a mystic form that

and with a quick, decided movement, he At length the hour grew late, and the arose and moved close to Mary's side stranger asked for rost. Old Hagar was maiden did not shrink from him nor sent out to conduct him to his room, and hudder, for there was something so nat- in this Oteliewa read a warning which arally kind in his countenance, and then others saw not. James Fox arose, and he were such an appearance of modesty having hid the company good-night, he and goodness that she felt rather drawn toward him by some inward force.

"You are a child of Mr. Laroon?" he and Otelewa also left. Paul had nothsaid, inquiringly, as he sat down by her ing now to detain him, and he, too, sought his own room. And Mari Laroon was left alone. He gared about him,

"Why did he come?" So spoke the dark man to himself, and remarked the man, at the same then he walked away into the darkness, me placing his hand upon her shoul- and back again. Then he stood still and "I have been sick, sir," said Mary, him, and he saw the dim specters floating about in the dim corners of the room. "Ah; a physical, bodily ailment? Then They were men and women whom he his hands. Soon he started up, and his te man's face. There was something fists were cleuched, and with the right

> Why did he come?" And as the words echoed through the

And again the sweat stood cold and were alone together, and then said: heavy upon the dark man's brow. He saw two children—two laughing, prattling, gleesome children-and he rememcomstances which led me to suppose that bered thrt cold, wet, cheerless day when you were not very happy here. Have I he fled with them to Boston. He remembered the Cross-Hands Inn. and the Mary burst into tears. The question night he spent there. He remembered bouched upon a spring that opened ev-The stranger drew one of her small, boy with a stern, sorrowful face, and the hite hands within his own, and then he girl with a calm, confiding smile. He drew her head upon his bosom. It was remembered how that tiny white arm very strange movement, but Mary did was thrown over the boy's neck, and not resist it. No, she pillowed her head how the boy's hand rested protectingly

And Marl Laroon is an old man-old. at least, in crime and trials. Only forty years have passed to his debt in the see as sweet as a mother's voice. "If great life book, but see how inden with a pi—captain should return and find accounts those years are! See the lines of silver already in his hair, and the lines of woe already on his brow. dian's character?" asked Mary, raising Marl Laroon thinks of those children her head quickly, and speaking earnestly. now, as they have just left him, and for "I do know Mari Laroon well, and I the moment a softer shade rests upon his know his business. But let that drop dark face. Not once in all these years where it is, I can perhaps help you." has that boy done him harm by word or "And you have known me before?" | deed-nud not once in all the while has the girl given him cause for complaint, ettered Mary, half imploringly. the girl given him cause for complaint, "Not exactly; but I think I have until the past few days. He sees them known those who did once know you. I the only pure things he has about him. promised a person that if ever I came and they would fiee from him. Why is Too well he knows. But the my power, and I suppose I must now thought comes to his mind, and he speaks again to himself:

Then he starts away again and pene--sh! Here comes Laroon, I know trates the gloom, and when he turns othing that would benefit you now to even the lamp itself has changed to a show. But take hope. I must leave you specter, for it is gone, and a hideous I looking object has taken its place. have come all the way here only to help starts back and clasps his hands in fear, you, and I tell you thus early of my for his mind is not with present things, for. Be careful now, and do not let him sees the lamp again, and the specter that you have learned anything. All has passed away, but not from sight, may depend upon your secreey and care." for it has only moved from before the And so saying, he resumed his sent, light and now stands before the smol-

dering fire. Who's there?" he gasps.

"Hagar," is the response.
And the pirate is himself gain, for When Laroon called Paul out from the room where the guest was eating, he now another incurnate demon is with him went at once to a private apartment, and to combat with the dwellers of the un-

"Where did you put our guest?" asked "In the turret chamber."

"And did you nothing more?" "He asked for water. I gave it him. during that time he seemed to be in He will sleep more soundly than he

"But not to danger?" by reels it beyond the rising of the sun." What shall I pay thee? As much as th an expression of curiosity. On want. Come to me on my wedding "Do son think you have ever seen him | day. No-hold. On the day after."

"And I shall have gold?" "Plenty."

With this assurance the old black hag went sway, and Mari Laroon was once after a moment's thought. ... here is more slone. He looked at his watch, and something about him that calls up a it wanted yet an hour of midnight. Mid it wanted yet an hour of midnight. Mid night was with him a charmed hour, and he loved to work at that mystic period between two days.

CHAPTER XX.

The turret chamber was so called from being situated below one of the turrets of the building, the other turret being I do now remember a Mr. For in the southwest corner of the building and overlooked the stream that ran through the yard. In this chamber the ser macr guest was put to sleep. There able to me," added Pent, "for if I had " to two doors leading from it, and ever seen him before it must be as you these he locked before he retired.

soundly. He heard no noise—no sound dreds of thousands were received, sey disturbed him. I pon that side of the cral in the millions, the highest estid as he came back. "You may return room near the bed a secret door was of ened. It was a door which no stranger Paul left the ruen, and ex soon as he could ever have discovered, for it was back. This penel quenel and Mari La pace the four.

"It may be all see ent-his coming room entered the room in his stocking entered. The will know entered, the stool when he first entered, are no, unless the stool when he first entered.

to the head of it, and carefully held up not fall upon the face. Then he worked down the coverlid and sheet, working as carefully as a mother would handle her sick infant. Then he opened the shirt at its becom, and soon the broad, full breast was exposed, and there was a deep, heavy scar there, running from the upper point of the collar bone to the center breast. A single instant the pirate looked at the scar, and then he back the clothing he had removed. He stopped not to examine snything else, but stealthily he glided away from the place, and unisclessly closed the panel

"I knew him at first," he muttered to amself, after he had gained the ball. The girls that are wanted are good

One long hour the captain walked up and down the wide hall, with the lanteru in his band. Then he went out into the urt, and crossed over to the low buildinv against the wall where the male slaves slept. He entered here and awok.

"Warda," whispered Marl. "come with

The slave threw a blanket over his into the court. The rain had ceased failing, and the clouds were fast rolling off, but yet the air was chilly, and the pirate captain entered the building he had left, and pursued his way to the apartment where he had received his guest the night

Marl Laroon did not dream that his movements were all watched. He did not see the dark, alight figure that hung entered the great drawing room he did not notice that through another door a dim figure floated and lay concealed beneath a wide ottoman.

"Warda," commenced Mari, as soon as the door was closed behind him, "did von see the stranger who came here last

"No. master." "A stranger did come, and he sleeps will leave here to-morrow for the estate of Lopez Garonne. If he does I shall send you to show him the way. Before reaches Garonne's I would like to have him turn off and visit that place from which man never came back. De you understand me now?"

am sure that you want the man killed. "Exactly, Wards. And I want it done without mistake. Now, mark me; do this faithfully, and you shall have Otchewa

for your wife. The man clasped his hands with a moment more, and in a tone of doubt he

"But the young missus won't let me "As soon as the young mistress is n. wife the maid shall be yours; and that will be very soon. Do this for me, faith fully and surely, without a third person's

knowing it, and Otehewa shall be yours as I live. "I'll kill a thousand enemies for yo

at that price." uttered Warda, with sparkling eyes of vengeful joy. Long had Warda loved the bright-eyed maid of the Muyscas, but she would not yet be his, for she loved him not, and to protect herself from his importunities she had persuaded Mary to forbid him ever again to molest her maid with his prop-ositions of love. Laroon knew all this, and though Wards would have obeyed him without such reward, yet he knew that such a course would ensure more

complete success. "What wespon will you take?" asked

"I'll carry all three." answered the Indian, "the sword, the knife and the my cousin-who lives in the citydie before he reaches Lopez Garonne's. I'll take him in the ravine beyond the bluffs. Nobody will hear a pistol there. and I can throw the body down among the rocks, and it'll be eaten up in a

"Theu it is all understood," said Mart | much." Now remember: when the stranger-Mr. Fox-is ready to set out, I shall send you with him as his guide. You know the rest."

And so the master and the slave sephis rest. Otehewa crawled out from beneath the ottoman, and having assurad herself that the pirate's work for the night was done, she, too, went away to

"Po' La't B m!" A ray, famous in a West Virginia village for its propensity to butt was panion. enraged one morning, says the Philadelphia Press, to discover Uncle Hilly, an aged darky, asleep in the pasture. Uncle Billy sat with his head bow d low and his baid spot shining in the sun. The ram eyed it from a distance Une'e Billy nodded, and the bald spot

of he bead bade dellance. The ram stood up and waved a challenge with its horns. Uncle Billy nod "No; only for the night, I doubt if ded in acceptance. With a sharp "Ra-a a-a-a" the ram ch reed and Good Hagar, thou art a very jewel. Inunched itself like a catapult at the

offending pate. A little later it ricked itself up from the ground and wandered away to the farthest side of the pasture to rumin ate over the collision. Uncle B.lly looked up drowsty.

"Po' HT ram!" be murmured. "He done wandered from de fold and four sorrow and titbulation!"

Consting a Hen's Feathers A very unique feather guessing contest was recently conducted by a pro-ninent company manufacturing feed for poultry. Five hundred dollars in priz . was offered for hest estimates of guesses to the number of feathers on a hen. The first prize was \$100.

Thousands of guesses were received. weinding some very amusing ones (the party who was probably looking for dreds of thousands were received, sey mate being 000,000,017. The core of number was found to be 8 120. The company says: "We feel a pardounter pride in having contributed to pontry sel nee an item of information actually new."-St. Nichous

It is getting the site on a string



Girls That Are in Demand.

Good from the heart to the lips; Pure as the lily is white and pure, From its heart to its sweet leaf tips. The girls that are wanted are home

girls— Girls that are mother's right hand. that fathers and brothers can trust to. And the little ones understand.

irls that are fair on the hearthstone, Kind and sweet to their own folks, Heady and anxious to please. That know what to do and to say:

Plat drive with a smile and a soft word The wrath of the household away.

The girls that are wanted are girls of

Whom fashion can never deceive; he can follow whatever is pretty, And dare what is silly to leave. he girls that are wanted are cureful

Who count what a thing will cost. he use with a prodent, generous hand, But see that nothing is lost.

The girls that are wanted are girls with hearts; They are wanted for mothers and

anted to cradle in loving arms The strongest and frailest lives, e clever, the witty, the brilliant girl, There are few who can understand at, oh! for the wise, loving home girls

There's a constant, steady demand.

The Art of "Mothering." How's your mother, Carrie?" asked friend of a 12-year-old city girl whose other was a well-known worker in arious organizations for social better

"I haven't seen mother for ten days," replied Carrie. "She isn't up hen I go to school, and she doesn't ome bome till after I'm in bed at ight; but I guess she's all right."

Evidently there is something wrong that household. Miss McCracken, in er recent article on "The Woman on he Farm," puts her finger on the evil. he points out an important advantage hich the country child has over the ity child. Schools may not be so long so good in the country, and oppormities for books and music and pic ares may be few and far between. But others in the country are mothers

he farm, "I've seen my mother almost he whole time ever since I was born. almost always could do everything hat she did and go everywhere she went. It was so unusual when I couldn't that I always heard afterward every word about what happened. Now pistol; and I'll use what comes handlest floesu't do that way with her mother. I can perhaps put a pistol to his head They couldn't! Her mother goes to Islama Purchase Exposition, has durand finish him quickest. But he shall too many places and does too many ing her short so. things that -she says -aren't for chiliren, and it takes her so much time o do them that she wouldn't have time to tell about them, even if her daugher wanted to hear, which she doesn't

> There is the problem sharply stated. Its solution is not so easy; but it is ertain that there is no public service which a woman can render so vitally inportant to the fuffire of the race as est this very "mothering." Only in he sort of love which penetrates the vhole life of the family, and makes sweet and sound and loyal, can be ound the remedy for the social and lowestle unrest which is more dancer. ous to our country than foreign fleets or political dissensions.-Youth's Com-



Waist of cloth or flannes, with open neck below an emplecement, with stock of lace; trimming of soutach, small buttons and a shaped and stitched fold of the material: full sleeves, at all." Many estimates in the hun-

blouses ledicate that band emunicery will be lavishly used. Persian effects in embroidered impds or told dest us and buttered down the free lies. The quicker they are dried the stiffer top, is trimmed with the embroiders. of these have the regulation cost the bristles will be.

THREE CHARMING RECEPTION GOWNS.



I. Black chiffon velour, with skirt opening to display inset panels of Irish point. The pointed yoke and insertions of the bodice and the ruffle and panels of the sleeves are of the same lace. 2. Delicate apricot cloth, made princesse, with embroidered lapels turning back from pointed vest of broderic anglaise. Velvet hat on the deep petunia shades, with ombre chiffon velvet ribbon ornamentations. 3. Visiting tollette of mauve, broadclots. made with tucked and plaited skirt. The small jacket is trimmed with gold embroidery on white taffets. The hat is of mauve felt, with stiff black wings on the left of the front.

sleeve. Others have leg-o'-mutton sleeves, with gauntlet cuffs. Where sleeves are large the fullness is generally above the elbow. To be worn with these long coats, tailors are making strikingly smart little Louis XV. vests. These are made of the hand some vestings which come for men's waistcoats. Lace and tucked net vests are worn with dressy broadcloth gowns, where narrow hands of fur as used as a bodice and skirt trimming Some of the short walking suits are else fur trimmed.

Shrewd Mms. Wong. Mme. Wong Kai Kah, wife of the Ohlnese vice commissioner to the Lou-

journ in this coun try established a reputation for shrewdness and good sense. Being convinced that Texas is peculiarly adapted to rice culture, she has secured a plantation

of about 4,000 MALL WONG. acres, for which she paid \$140,000. Mme. Wong is a woman of much culture and is likewise a firm advocate of the enfranchisement of her sex.

Needlework Notes. The Greek key design in braiding or embroidery is much favored by French tressmakers.

The very newest skirt is the court ettleoat to wear with home negligee owns that are not closed to the feet This perticoat has the front trimmed and the trained flounce matches.

Besides the rows of bebe ribbon used through beading to draw up the eck of corset covers, the tops of the rmholes and the fronts are now fur cream. her embellished by goodly-sized bows f wide ribbon. Chemiseties, tuckers, and under-

leeves of genuine old openwork or other embroiders upon muslin are in great demand. A chemisette furnishell recently by a Paris maker, for use in a taffeta frock, was valued at \$100. Some very pretty corset covers are being made of colored batiste and mull. They are very low in the neck and a little full over the bust, with tucks about the waist instead of darts; and they end, as all the newest covers do, at the belt.

Woman Editor in Japan. Miss Anna Dyer, daughter of a New Orleans school principal, is believed to be the only American woman who has done actual newspaper work on the only English newspaper in Japan. the Dally Advertiser of Yokohoma. Miss Dyer went to Japan to visit friends and while there wrote some to accept a position on the paper. She Glimbers of a few new names and rapidly advanced, until new she is in editorial charge.-Fourth Estate,

How to Wesh Toilet Brushes. Wash your toll a brushes in hot soda

Health and Beauty Bints. The afternoon map is beneficial to hose who would gain flesh.

After the shampoo, if the hair is still and dry, rub olive oil into the roots. Perhaps the best of all morning apetizers in the way of fruit is the

Highly scented soaps are often laurious, as the scent is added to coneal rancid ingredients. In dieting to reduce flesh drink no

iquids at meals and no water until an hour at least after the meal. A glass of warm or bot milk taken

ust before or immediately after arising will prove a flesh producer.

rush and constant rubbing with pure soap is the quickest and surest cure. A cupful of ordinary rock sait is an avaluable addition to the bath. It to specially soothing to a person with

aded nerves. Hot water, if taken, a cunful on risng, and another when going to bed, will help to reduce the weight of a tout person.

Thin people who wish to gain flesh should eat a light lunch before retirng; an empty stomach fe ds upon the flesh of the body. If the finger nalls are filed daily,

Ittle cutting is needed. This is an excellent plan to follow when the nails are brittle and break in the cutting. A bad figure and a poor carriage are often due to laziness. Walk with the -houlders back, the chest elevated and

the hips back if a good carriage is de-An economical and satisfactory ream for the hands is composed of equal portions of honey, mutton taklow (clarified) and lemon juice, melted together until of the consistency of

Marie Antoinette Skirt.



Marie Antoinette pointed waist shirred in front, under bows of reseds form the rewest are the Well- water, but be carefullt does not touch green Vivella, trimmed with embroid gowned women are tradition on the break, R. e well in cold water ery in shaded resear sliks and chenille, saided or he are coats, the billy diffined and dry in the over air if possible. The mosquetaire sieese, with puff at Suitable for surab or faille.