

SQUIRE JOHN

A TALE OF THE CUBAN WAR

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CHAPTER IV—Continued.

Undoubtedly Spencer knew in some way the full particulars of the matter, and has conceived a gigantic plan whereby he may palm himself off as Jack Travers, marry the girl, come into the property, and strike a big thing.

And he has corresponded with this guardian of Jessie Cameron, this Spaniard or Cuban, who poses as the girl's stepfather, so that the game has all been cleverly arranged.

Jack can look back to an adventure he had recently, when he was waylaid by unknown men, robbed of money and papers and thrown into a deep canyon to die; but in some almost miraculous manner he caught in a treetop and managed to save himself.

Without a doubt Spencer was the cause of this attempt on his life, made before the London lawyer found him.

With this brief but necessary explanation the reader can appreciate Jack's feelings as he enters the room where he is to meet for the first time the girl who is destined to play such an important part in his life.

"Will you shake hands with me, for I am, after all, your kinsman, Miss Jessie," he says, upon meeting her.

She takes the proffered hand, and her eyes, which have been searching his face in such an earnest, beseeching manner ever since his entrance, drop before his ardent gaze.

"As I understand it, after the ceremony that makes us man and wife is completed you pass from my sight forever?"

"Forever," she echoes.

"Unless at some time in the future, should you relent?"

"I shall never do that. You understand, this is merely a business arrangement, and sentiment does not enter into it at all," she interposes.

Jack only smiles quietly. That was what he himself thought, only to find out his mistake; and he has strong hopes that she will also in time.

"Let me change the wording, then—I am not to seek your presence again without some desire on your part to see me. That is cruel. But I give you my word as a man to abide by the provisions; only I would like you to promise me in return that if at some future time you need a friend's help you will call upon Jack Travers. Can you—will you make me that promise?"

"There is no reason I should refuse, since I can appreciate your motive. Yes, I promise you that, 'Cousin Jack,' she replies, looking directly into his eyes with her clear grey orbs.

"Let's shake hands on it—that's the way they ratify bargains in the states. I believe we understand each other now."

"I am glad—" and she halts in confusion.

"What?" he asks curiously.

"To have found you such a gentleman. Say no more. Here are the others coming up."

"Remember your promise," he adds, hastily.

Jack is more than satisfied. He believes he can conscientiously sacrifice himself on the altar of matrimony when the other party to the contract is Jessie Cameron, and deep down in his heart he has strong hopes that it will not be a great while ere a sweet message reaches him, calling him to keep his promise and come to her assistance.

CHAPTER V.

Wedded, Yet No Wife.

The picturesque old gentleman, whom he now knows to be Senor Rola-



"Forever," she echoes.

Senor Robiada, Jessie's Spanish stepfather, comes up, his face beaming with unctuous smiles, and rubbing his hands together after the manner of a man well pleased.

"Well, Senor Jack," exclaims the old hypocrite, believing all the while it is a base counterfeit and not the genuine Travers who has come to keep the contract, "you are of the same mind still—you do not desire to back out?"

"Not I," answers Jack, sturdily.

"The papers which passed between us are binding—there is no need of duplicating them. This fortune will be divided as agreed upon—one half to each. You understand the arrangement? Now let me introduce you, Senor, to these few people who are to witness the ceremony in order to con-

"Yes, or a doctor, if you desire, I'm the easiest man in the world to get on with, and always ready to accommodate. If there is nothing else to detain me, I shall now say good night."

So Jack bids them all adieu, shaking hands with each in turn, and when he reaches the owner of the black eyes he bends low enough to whisper:

"If danger threatens her I beg of you in heaven's name to let me know."

"I promise, if she will allow," is what he hears in return, and with that he must remain satisfied.

The "buenos noches" of the suave Castilian floats after him like a benison as he leaves the house of the seven gables.

The moon, now having climbed to a higher point in the blue arch, looks down benignly upon the scene as Jack, having struck a wax vesta, applies the fire to his weed and stalks along in the direction of High street, followed by his shadow, Ah Sin.

The recollection of Jessie Cameron haunts him as might the sweet perfume of a flower after it has been lost to sight.

His wife! Will he ever get used to



"I believe you."

the startling fact? That lovely girl being to him by reason of a legal chain! He heaves a sigh as he remembers his word of honor and the slender chances of their meeting again.

Jack's is a buoyant nature. Nothing daunts him, and he has a deep-rooted conviction that this is all but a beginning to an end.

"Some day," he mutters, as he sits in his room at the Crown hotel, looking up at the Castle, "who knows but what I may find that same sweet face smiling at the other side of my breakfast table? I have faith to believe. And now to sleep, perchance to dream it has all come out like the novels do."

(To be continued.)

WAS BOUND TO FIND OUT.

Incident Proves Women Are Not the Only Curious Creatures.

We had been married just a month and my inquiries as to all his doings during the day had begun to draw forth remarks about woman's proverbial curiosity, when, one evening after tea was on the table, I picked up the evening paper and found a recipe for "prune whip," which I cut out and laid away for future use.

After the head of the house had changed his coat, donned his slippers, eaten and made himself comfortable, he asked, "What did you cut out of my paper?"

"Oh, something that would not be at all proper for you to read," I replied.

"Well, I guess I'll read what I choose. Please get it."

I refused, and things grew uncomfortable, and when I returned from the kitchen I found an empty chair, empty slippers and a discarded paper. About an hour after the head of the house returned and with a particularly jubilant air opened a brand new newspaper. He scanned column after column eagerly until he found a recipe for "prune whip." Now when the head of the house becomes any way domineering I feed him on "prune whip"—Elizabeth Ogilvie in Good Housekeeping.

He Couldn't Cure 'Em.

The man sitting beside the minister was somewhat showily dressed, but quiet enough in manner. They had struck up an acquaintance and were chatting affably on various subjects. Perhaps it was because they were the only two men in the car who were not reading newspapers. The minister noticed this, and noticed also that it was sporting news which chiefly interested his fellow passengers.

"It is deplorable," he said, "that horse racing has such a fascination for all classes of people. One would think that sad experience would cure most of them of their infatuation, but apparently it does not. I fear this form of gambling is on the increase."

"I think it is," said the other man, "and I don't see how it is going to be stopped. I know I've done all I could to cure people of the betting habit."

"Indeed!" said the minister, eagerly. "May I ask how?"

"By winning as much of their money as I could. I'm a bookmaker."

Explodes Scurvy Theory.

The Antarctic voyage from which the Discovery has just returned is said to have exploded the old theory about the efficacy of vegetable acids, in scurvy. The scurvy broke out when canned goods were used and disappeared when fresh meat—penguin and seal in this case—was substituted.

CHOICE AT POLLS

NAMES OF MEN SELECTED FOR NEBRASKA'S LEGISLATURE.

UPPER HOUSE ALL REPUBLICAN

Lower Branch Stands Ninety-one Republicans and Nine Democrats—Congressional Vote in the Six Nebraska Districts.

Recapitulation.		Joint
Republicans	91	124
Democrats	9	9
Total	100	133

Senate.

- Dist. 1—E. A. Tucker, Humboldt, rep.
- Dist. 2—E. B. Good, Fort, rep.
- Dist. 3—R. W. Jones, Dunbar, rep
- Dist. 4—George L. Sheldon, Nehawka, rep.
- Dist. 5—Alex. Laverty, Ashland, rep.
- Dist. 6—L. C. Gibson, South Omaha, rep.
- Dist. 7—F. P. Thomsen, Omaha, rep.; C. L. Saunders, Omaha, rep.
- Dist. 8—F. C. Nelson, Bancroft, rep.; W. A. Meserve, Crofton, rep.
- Dist. 9—Edwin D. Gould, Wolbach, rep.
- Dist. 10—W. H. Haller, Blair, rep.
- Dist. 11—J. J. Williams, Wayne, rep.
- Dist. 12—Hugh Hughes, Columbus, rep.
- Dist. 13—Dr. J. P. Gilligan, O'Neill, rep.
- Dist. 14—E. C. Breece, Rushville, rep.
- Dist. 15—Martin L. Fries, Arcadia, rep.
- Dist. 16—Aaron Wall, Loup City, rep.
- Dist. 17—A. E. Cady, rep.
- Dist. 18—W. H. Walker, Clark, rep.
- Dist. 19—M. D. Dimery, Crossing, rep.
- Dist. 20—J. H. Mockett, Jr., Lincoln, rep.; P. T. Bennett, rep.
- Dist. 21—H. L. W. Jackson, Beatrice, rep.
- Dist. 22—Andrew Vore, Crete, rep.
- Dist. 23—W. H. Jennings, Davenport, rep.
- Dist. 24—George W. Shreck, York, rep.
- Dist. 25—C. H. Hopper, Fairfield, rep.
- Dist. 26—J. E. Peterson, Campbell, rep.
- Dist. 27—David Hart, Hastings, rep.
- Dist. 28—A. F. Harsh, Lowell, rep.
- Dist. 29—Albert Wisley, Moorhead, rep.
- Dist. 30—W. D. Giblin, Gothenburg, rep.

House.

- Dist. 1—W. H. Hoge, rep.; J. S. Lard, Verden, fus.; Henry Gerdes, Baroda, fus.
- Dist. 2—J. M. Cravens, Armour, rep.; W. H. Wilson, Table Rock, rep.
- Dist. 3—H. R. Howe, Auburn, rep.; U. F. Feasby, Aspinwall, rep.
- Dist. 4—J. W. Wilkey, Cook, rep.
- Dist. 5—William Ernst, Graf, rep.
- Dist. 6—J. W. Cassel, Nebraska City, rep.; S. M. Parker, Palmyra, rep.
- Dist. 7—W. C. Dolan, Elmwood, rep.; W. E. Hand, Greenwood, rep.
- Dist. 8—R. B. Windham, Plattsmouth, rep.
- Dist. 9—John M. Ward, Springfield, rep.
- Dist. 10—C. J. Anderson, Omaha, rep.; S. C. Barnes, Omaha, rep.; H. T. Clarke, Jr., Omaha, rep.; N. F. Dodge, Omaha, rep.; F. E. South, Omaha, rep.; H. A. Foster, Omaha, rep.; Michael Lee, Omaha, rep.; M. E. Muxen, Omaha, rep.; P. S. Tucker, Florence, rep.
- Dist. 11—Frank Jarnel, Kennard, rep.
- Dist. 12—Robert A. Smith, Tekamah, rep.
- Dist. 13—J. C. McElhenny, Lyons, rep.
- Dist. 14—Joseph Roberts, Fremont, rep.; Hugh Selliey, Leavitt, rep.
- Dist. 15—Fred H. Hunke, West Point, fus.
- Dist. 16—Oscar Thompson, Wisner, rep.
- Dist. 17—Charles McLeod, Stanton, rep.
- Dist. 18—J. E. Milligan, Wakefield, rep.
- Dist. 19—F. P. Foter, Laurel, rep.
- Dist. 20—M. T. Post, Monowi, rep.
- Dist. 21—N. D. Jackson, Neligh, rep.
- Dist. 22—Frank Jouveant, Petersburg, rep.
- Dist. 23—F. W. Richardson, Battle Creek, rep.
- Dist. 24—J. W. Hender, Creston, fus.
- Dist. 25—Fred Hoare, Monroe, rep.
- Dist. 26—Otto Zuelow, Schuyler, rep.
- Dist. 27—W. J. Haaman, Fremont, rep.; J. J. Fospital, Weston, rep.
- Dist. 28—J. M. Rolan, fus.; Peter F. Penton, fus.
- Dist. 29—John H. McLain, Seward, rep.; E. Beier, Coding, rep.
- Dist. 30—H. C. M. Burgess, Lincoln, rep.; Joseph Burns, Lincoln, rep.; James Hollie, Havelock, rep.; Charles C. Warner, Waverly, rep.
- Dist. 31—Del. A. Stetson, Western, rep.; J. J. Rolwer, Friend, rep.
- Dist. 32—W. E. Robbins, Cortland, rep.; J. J. McElroy, Blue Springs, rep.; Adam McMillen, Wynora, rep.
- Dist. 33—Robert Kydd, Beatrice, rep.
- Dist. 34—W. C. Lines, Biller, rep.
- Dist. 35—Thomas Lahnner, Belvidere, rep.
- Dist. 36—Dan B. Crosby, Fairbury, rep.
- Dist. 37—George Perkins, Fairmont, rep.; Robert A. Barker, Ottowa, rep.
- Dist. 38—H. M. Dietrich, York, rep.; William Meredith, York, rep.
- Dist. 39—W. B. Jones, Stromsburg, fus.
- Dist. 40—W. W. Burroughs, Central City, rep.
- Dist. 41—A. V. Cunningham, Giltner, rep.; Charles Anderson, Marquette, rep.
- Dist. 42—P. A. Caldwell, Edgar, rep.; G. C. Fishback, Harvard, rep.
- Dist. 43—H. F. Bowman, Lawrence, rep.
- Dist. 44—E. S. Sadler, Red Cloud, rep.
- Dist. 45—Eric Johnson, Juonia, rep.
- Dist. 46—W. C. Kaley, Roseland, rep.
- Dist. 47—H. E. Ferrer, Grand Island, rep.
- Dist. 48—Nels Hermanson, Nysted, rep.
- Dist. 49—Thomas Moran, Stuart, rep.; W. H. Bedford, Weick, fus.
- Dist. 50—A. Douglas, Hassett, rep.
- Dist. 51—H. H. Horton, Springview, rep.
- Dist. 52—Frank Currie, Crawford, rep.
- Dist. 53—George C. McAllister, Chapin, rep.
- Dist. 54—A. E. Barton, Arcadia, rep.
- Dist. 55—H. C. Crosby, Westerville, rep.; C. Mackey, Andy, fus.
- Dist. 56—Horatio Sweiser, Ashton, rep.
- Dist. 57—J. H. Davis, Gibbon, rep.
- Dist. 58—George E. Bacon, Overton, rep.
- Dist. 59—A. C. Christiansen, Minden, rep.
- Dist. 60—H. C. Livenood, Franklin, rep.
- Dist. 61—C. A. Luce, Republican City, rep.
- Dist. 62—P. G. Engstrom, Holdrege, rep.
- Dist. 63—E. B. Perry, Cambridge, rep.
- Dist. 64—Philip Glenn, Danbury, rep.
- Dist. 65—George C. Junkin, Smithfield, rep.
- Dist. 66—J. C. Hill, Imperial, rep.

THE CONGRESSIONAL VOTE.

First District.		Bur-	Rur-	Ken-	Hitch-
Case	2,256	1,897	2,173	1,705	
Richardson	2,241	1,946	2,212	1,705	
Cross	1,529	1,296	1,386	1,552	
Nemaha	1,740	1,320	1,574	1,288	
Lancaster	7,124	2,878	4,867	3,224	
Totals	15,811	9,649	13,711	9,755	

Second District.

Douglas	12,014	11,394
Washington	1,472	1,365
Sarpy	839	956
Totals	14,325	13,715

Indian at Civilized Work.

Purcell Powless, a full-blooded Onedda Indian, grandson of a former chief of the tribe, has just been given a position as motorman in the St. Louis street railway service. He is the second full-blooded Indian to be employed by the St. Louis Transit Company, Felix Scott, a Sioux, having been in the service six months. Powless is 23 years old. He was born in Wisconsin, where the Onedda tribe has lived for years. His Indian name is Soda-Wah. He was educated at Haskell institute, Lawrence, Kan.

Third District.

Nance	1,025	1,129	915	1,215
Burt	2,016	849	1,470	878
Merrick	1,145	805	948	763
Dodge	2,179	3,758	1,898	2,969
Platte	2,253	2,667	1,944	1,951
Cedar	1,531	1,375	1,199	1,229
Stanton	753	734	627	697
Dakota	890	431	654	616
Waynes	669	669	669	669
Wayne	1,225	901	859	764
Dixon	1,497	809	1,164	862
Cuming	1,281	1,434	1,417	1,367
Totals	15,372	13,306	12,797	13,691

Fourth District.

Polk	1,025	1,129	915	1,215
Thayer	1,841	1,313	1,477	1,289
Butler	1,054	1,739	1,290	1,694
Saunders	2,629	1,981	1,970	2,028
Jefferson	2,253	735	1,838	1,912
Hamilton	1,565	1,308	1,228	1,340
Saline	2,259	1,548	2,028	1,622
Totals	13,345	9,488	10,822	10,700

Fifth District.

Franklin	1,112	963	915	944
Nickolls	1,459	1,128	1,200	1,122
Webster	1,428	1,925	1,154	1,070
Clay	1,359	1,539	1,578	1,394
Perkins	1,329	737	877	968
Kearney	1,117	913	911	862
Adams	2,011	1,579	1,396	1,282
Hays	306	182	233	252
Goosler	517	494	330	402
Red Willow	1,255	960	1,031	725
Furnas	1,472	979	1,125	993
Hitchcock	572	387	561	417
Totals	14,557	10,623	11,404	11,008

Sixth District.

Blaine	129	45	73	68
Garfield	309	177	209	166
Kimball	322	38	96	144
Keith	246	177	206	184
Rock	468	174	371	323
Sherman	706	659	496	513
Totals	1,989	1,272	1,467	1,322

Wipes Out Albanian Chiefs.

The Sublime Porte, tired, apparently, of continuous fighting with the Albanians, without obtaining any result, seems to have adopted the more insidious plan of weeding out the chiefs. Osman Pasha, one of the most powerful chiefs in Albania, has just arrived at Scutari, ostensibly on a visit to the governor of the province. He is stated to be really, however, in a condition of gilded exile, and many other chiefs are believed to be threatened with similar treatment.

Women of Uncivilized Races.

Among many of the uncivilized races of mankind the inferiority of women is consecrated by usage, and she is not permitted even to eat at the same time as her husband. This condition is found principally in Africa and India. Some tribes place certain prohibitions upon women. For instance, they are prohibited from mounting a horse and from eating certain kinds of meat or drinking certain beverages.

Trivial Causes of War.

Borrowing a tobacco pipe and failing to return it kindled civil war for years among the rival races in the Pamirs and Afghanistan. A dispute as to the relative attractions of snails and vipers as food gave rise to fifty years of fighting between Milan and Pisa, and it is said two German states fought for years out of rivalry as to their respective powers of beer drinking.—Stray Stories.

Oldest American Fort.

The oldest fortress in the United States is Fort Marion, on the Matanzas, in Florida. It has seen many bloody fray in the opening up of what is now the paradise of the south. The land around this ancient place has been watered by the blood of men who have fallen in conflict, but today it is a peaceful, picturesque spot, full of charm and serenity.

Clock Brought High Price.

The record price for a clock is £33,600 paid for the timepiece made by Louis XVI of France. It was purchased by one of the Rothschilds.

Shark Aids Fisherman.

On the night of Sept. 27 a ten-foot shark chased 30,000 herrings into the nets of a Dublin trawler and was caught himself.

Power of Little Things has so often been noted that we accept it as an axiom, and yet fail to see, in each beginning, the possibility of great events.—F. P. Edwards.

Slander Inflicts Wrong by calumniating the absent; and he who gives credit to the calumny before he knows its truth is equally guilty.—Herodotus.

It doesn't always make a young man happy when a girl returns his love—especially if it is returned because she has no use for it.

Even the one-legged man may have a pretty good standing in the community.

A landlord says a month's rent in hand is better than a dozen promises to pay.

Found Fortune in New Zealand.

Albert Winter, an Englishman working in the Granby Creek mines, New Zealand, picked up a stone to throw at a pigeon one evening while on his way home. Something in the stone attracted his attention, and on examining it he found gold-bearing quartz. Winter quietly took out miners' wrigths and with a mate pegged out a claim. This was a couple of months ago. He has just sold his interest for \$500,000 and has gone home to his parents, who had not heard of him for ten years.



Had Learned to Save.

Father—Halloa, where did you get all those toys?
Son—I bought 'em with the money you gave me.
Father—But I gave you that money to teach you how to save.
Son—Yes, pa; I kept it for three weeks, until I learned all about saving, and now I am learning how to shop.—Stray Stories.

Sarcasm.

"Why, John," said Subbubs, returning from a month's vacation, "the lawn is all dried up."
"Can't understand it, sir," replied the lazy caretaker; "I worked hard on it all the time you was gone."
"Ah! You shouldn't work so hard. You probably ran the lawn mower over it so vigorously that you scorched it."

Couldn't Touch Him.