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CHAPTER XXIII. Decision.

guides prepare breakfast with- to give up these millions. out waking the sleepers and called them at 9.

By 10 o'clock breakfast was over, the guides had formed two exploring people chattering and laughing. "We'll enormous fortune!" keep house, Jim, here in God's palace among the clouds until they return," in his and nestled close to his side. sald Nan.

"Yes," he answered cheerily, "and it, with no restraints or studied pre- not insane!" tense, no crowd of fools or liveried flunkles near at hand."

and gazed over the marvelous pano these millions?" rama of a world transformed into blue billowy mountains, flying clouds and the demand," he went on, passionately turquoise skies. Over it all brooded "We are face to face now, you and I. the deep, solemn silence of eternity with all the little subterfuges and lies Not a sound reached the ear from of life torn from our eyes. The fact earth or air. Nan broke the silence.

try, with every whim of body and does not change the fact. I refuse to soul apparently gratified. But sup share with the woman I love the price pose that all this madness of luxury. for which she sold herself, whether the | 6. Fricke & Co. at which you wonder, is but the vain sum be a hundred dollars or a hundred effort of a hungry heart? The time millions! I can forgive and have forhas come in our lives when we should given the wrong you've done me, but begin to see things as they are."

| VERY RAPID WORK

"I've been trying to do that for a long time," he answered quietly.

promptly. "The trouble is, Jim, that life is a tissue of lies. We are born give up these millions?" and have our being in lies. I'm grow quickly.

with a deepening thrill of the drama pression shadowed.

has ever known is to take what he wants. I've the right to live my own life. We must each of us choose our rugs and curtains." world, the one of conventions and the world of reality, where free men great fortunes are made." and women live and work in freedom while youth and daring lead the way."

She paused and Stuart's lips parted justice or it can't endure." in amazement. Never had he heard such eloquence from the woman be-

"Jim." she went on falteringly, "I'm ful. lonely and heartsick. I'm trying to tell you that I want your love; that I can't live any longer without it."

left. Tell me that you love me. 1 want to hear it a thousand times. 1 want it, right or wrong! Speak! Say something, if only to curse me!"

"You should have thought of this. Nan, before these gray hairs began to creep into my bair."

"I did. Jim!" she cried, eagerly bending near. "God knows I fought! You never knew it, but I did. For whole nights I wrestled with the flend that tempted me and fought for my love. It took days and weeks to strangle its hold on my heart and force me to betray myself. Oh, Jim, it's not too late to live! Look at me, dearest, and say it's not. For God's sake, tell me that you love me still! Am I old? Am I faded?"

The man had felt sure of himself when she began, but the tenderness. the passion, the yearning appeal of her voice were more than be could resist. "Look into my eyes, Nan," he cried.

"and let me see the bottom of your She fifted her dark lustrons eyes.

devouring him with love. "You'll find only your image there,

He looked at her sternly. "Before I take you into my arms and

smother you with kisses," he whispered flercely, "there mustn't be any mistake this time. I've got to know that your love for me is the biggest thing in your life-the only thing in your life!"

"I swear it!" she gasped. "You've got to prove it; I'm going to put you to the test."

"Any test!" she broke in quickly. "I warn you," he went on, with increasing seriousness. "the test will be a real one. You and I, Nan. could never be happy with the shadow of

Bivens' fortune over us." "But its shadow can't be over us! It's going to be yours. He has given it to me-his death is only a question

of a year or two-and I'm going to

give it all to you." "There's not a dollar of his millions OTH Nan and the youngsters that isn't smirched. I'd sooner wear slept like children until 9 the rags of a leper than soil my hands o'clock. Stuart belped the with it. If you love me you will have

Nan gazed at him in astonishment

and broke into a low laugh. "Of course, you're teasing me. You can't be in earnest in such an absurd parties and set out with the young dime novel idea! Give away this

The woman placed her hand tenderly

"Come, Jim, dear, this is a practical world; you have some common sense from today our lives must lie apart. it will be fun to keep it alone, won't even if you are a man of genius; you're

"I think not." be answered, soberly. "You cannot make this absurd de-They sat down on the ledge of mand on me." she repeated slowly. rock which formed their cave house "knowing the awful price I paid for

"It's because I know it that I make that the price at which he bought you "I have houses in town and coun- was high-say a hundred millions-

degradation." Nan looked at him in despair, her "And haven't succeeded," she added eyes suddenly clouding with tears. "What do you mean when you say

in lies, grow up in lies, live and move "Just what I say," he answered

"But I couldn't throw them into the Stuart looked at her flushed face street. What would I do with them?" "You can give them back to the peoof the soul its quick changing ex- ple, the public, from whom they were taken-the people whose labor created | Card company, who took a phototheir value. That's what an honest man | graph of the falling of the big "I've grown to feel of late," she does when he finds he has wronged his chimney yesterday afternoon at went on rapidly, "that it's a shame neighbor. There's not a stone in your to dodge. The only law my busband palaces whose cement was not mixed in human tears. The stain of blood is in every scarlet thread of your carpets.

"But you are talking like a mad anshams or the big one that's beyond- archist. His money was made as all

"So much the worse for our financiers. Civilization must rest at least on

"But, Jim, uo matter what your the ories of life or your ambitions, these millions will make them more power

"It's not true. Not a single great man whose words have molded the world was rich. The glitter of your millions Her head sank low, and a sob caught once blinded me and I was on the point of surrender, but I've won out. The There; I've told you. I've no pride people in your little world live for money. They do not possess it, they are possessed by it. They are slaves You will have to come with me into the great free world-if you love me."

"If I love you?" Nan eried, with trembling flps. "Don't speak that way if you only knew! My love for you has kent me alive through all that I've endured. It's the only thing that's worth the struggle; but I can't think. Your demand is so sudden, so stunning, so terrifting, I don't know what to say.

"We can never be anything to each

other." he answered firmly, "on any Verna Cole 41 other terms than the renunciation of Clara Weyrich 40 all that Bivens leaves. I don't care Pearl Staats 39 what you do with it, just so you wash Mae Morgan 40 your hands of it. You and I must be-Clee Applegate ... 28 gin life just where we left off when the shadow of his money darkened Anna Heisel 30 the world for us both You must give Crete Briggs 23

Christina Hanson., 34 "It's hard, dearest," she said with a Marie Hiber 42 sob. "for your sake it's hard. I've Nettie Hawksworth 46 dreamed so many wonderful things Bess Edwards ... 42 that would come to pass when I made Alpha Peterson .. 39 you the master of these millions."

"You must choose between his money and my love; you can't have both."

She gazed at him with a desperate Hilda Barwick 48 vearning.

"I'll do anything you wish, only love me, dearest," she sobbed. "All I ask is to be loved-loved-loved-and that you never leave me."

But even as she spoke, her mind was made up. She would reserve at least half her fortune secretly. When they were married she could persuade him to be reasonable.

"All right, then, it's settled, but it of school we wish to urge parents must be everything with me or noth- to co-operate with us in keeping ing. I won't shake hands with my their children in regular attendfriend and make love to his wife. You must cease to be his wife now."

"But how-what do you mean?" she asked, white with sudden fear.

"Leave your husband, your palaces. MR. AND MRS. J. W. night on the limited for New York. Bring only a change of clothes in a **CUTRIGHT CELEBRATE** single trunk and a hand bag. My money must be sufficient. I'll wire for **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** passage on an outgoing steamer. We'll spend two years in Europe and return

to America when we please. Are you

"Oh, Jim, dear," she faltered, "you

of a great love! Come, why do you

waited in silence for her to speak.

"I didn't think you could," was the

master of something bigger-1 am the

master of myself. I will not play a

The dark head dropped lower. When

she lifted it at last two despairing

We will go on as we have. I'll wait

He rose and lifted her to her feet.

"No, we can't go on like this now.

Nan," he said with quiet strength.

"The silence has been broken between

us. Your husband is my friend and

She extended her hand and he

pressed it tenderly. Her voice was the

merest sobbing whisper when she

spoke: "Yes, Jim, I suppose it's the

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ance at school.

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06.

The voices of the youngsters rang up

second fiddle to your little husband."

tears were shining in her eyes.

the mountain's side.

It's the only way

only way."

sane, vulgar thing."

know that would be madness!"

The following account of the twenty-lifth wedding anniversary "Certainly it's madness, the madness of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cutright of Lincoln, taken from the State The lines of her body relaxed and Journal, will be of much interest she began to sob softly. The man here, as Mr. Cutright was for several years a resident of Platts-"I've done you harm enough, dearest," she said at last. "I can't do mouth and was editor of the Journal for some years, and was "And your thought is only of me, very popular and well liked by all, Nan?" he asked with piercing inten-The many friends here will extend their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. "And of myself," she acknowledged Cutright for another twenty-five brokenly. "I couldn't do such an in

years of married life: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cutright entertained a company of about one "All I ask," she pleaded, "is to hear hundred friends last evening at ron say the words that you love me their home, 1207 South Twentynow-just as I am with all my faults' seventh street. The fact that the "Well, I shall not speak them," he event was in celebration of the answered savagely. "Your husband is twenty-fifth anniversary of the the master of millions, but I am the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cutright had been kept as a surprise for Miss Blanche Murray Improving. MATTERS IN THE ESTATE the guests though some of them guessed the significance of the date and sent gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Miss Blanche, who is recovering Cutright first lived in Chadron for "I understand, Jim," she said simply, the first year after their marriage, but come to Lincoln twenty-four years ago. Several times they moved away from the city, but only to return at a latter period. here. Many of their old-time friends were present last night to offer congratulations.

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Word was received vesterday by Alvin Murray that his sister, from the effects of an operation in Omaha, was feeling slightly improved and getting along very nicely. This will be most pleasing news to her many friends

FORMER CASS COUNTY CITIZEN TO ADDRESS THE YOUNG MENS' BIBLE CLASS

county.

Hon, R. B. Windham departed For forty-three years Dr. this morning for Lincoln, where King's New Discovery has been he will attend the banquet tonight JOHN SPECK TO BE OPERATED known throughout the world as of former members of the state the most reliable cough remedy, legislature. Mr. Windham rep-Over three million bottles were resented this county several dif-

the way hundreds of others have Store for W. D. Jones well known Omaha this afternoon, where he done; "After twenty years, I find worm and cleansing powders, will enter a hospital to be operthat Dr. King's New Discovery is None better. All horses need ated on for appendicitis. It was the best remedy for coughs and cleansing and building up to be thought best by the physicians. colds that I have ever used." For ready for hard work in the spring attending to operate now while coughs or colds and all throat and If you do not use this medicine, the patient was in the proper lung troubles, it has no equal, use some other of like nature, shape. This news will cause a Any of his other medicines can be great deal of surprise to the many secured at the same place. friends of Johnnie, as it was not Harry Prisby, a former resident HORSE'S TEETH-Horse's teeth generally known that he was so of this city, and now chief of are neglected. Nothing is more seriously ill, but it is the univerpolice at Rock Falls, Illinois, who important for good health in the sal wish that he may come out of The following is the report on has been here visiting his uncle, animal. Dr. O. Sandin, at Man- the operation restored to his attendance in the city schools for Ed Fitzgerald and family, for a speaker's livery barn, is well usual good health. few days, departed this morning equipped to look after this work.

the Journal office.

OF MILTON J. SMITH AMICABLY ADJUSTED

The county court yesterday was

occupied in hearing the claim of Mrs. Daisy Smith against the estate of Milton J. Smith, deceased. Milton J. Smith was possessed of a 90-acre farm near Weeping Water, which was sold a few days ago by the administrator, Dr. M. M. Butler, for \$11,000, and during the last years of his life Milton Smith had made his The Young Men's Bible class of home with his nephew, Henry the Methodist church has secured Smith and wife, Daisy Smith, who for their lecture number on the had taken care of the old man, evening of Monday, March 24, an who was quite feeble and in such unusually brilliant speaker in the a condition as to require a great person of County Attorney George | deal of care and attention. | He A. Magney of Douglas county, who laied giving his property equally has promised to come down from to his nephews, Henry of Weeping Omaha to deliver an address that Water, and James, who resides in while she was taking some clothes out of a boiler of scalding hot water and putting them in a tub, and as she lifted some out on a stick the scalding water splashed county, and studied law in this the old gentleman, and the case stick the scalding water splashed on her, scalding her right arm Samuel M. Chapman, and since fore Judge Beeson, who awarded from the wrist to the elbow. A physician was at once summoned by the second of the physician was at once summoned a fire removal to Omaha has made her \$1,500 for her services, which and the injured member dressed a fine record at the Douglas counseemed to be satisfactory to all and the injured member dressed ty bar and was last fall elected as parties. D. O. Dwyer appeared as passible, but to its still quite for the call-painting atthough she is resting jurity, being about the only successful democrat in Douglas fornia heir, and C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water for the estate and administrator.

UPON FOR APPENDICITIS

John Speck, who has been confined to his home for the past two

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