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CHAPTER XXXI.-(Continued.) "Tell me," he said persuasively. "No-not now-some day, perhaps," she answered.

'You shall tell me now," said Lord

Aylmer, steadily. He looked so handsome and so determined that possibly in another moment Dorothy would have given in and the mischief would have been out, but fortunately at that moment Esther Brand came in.

"Oh! is that you, Lord Aylmer?" she said pleasantly.

Lord Aylmer dropped Dorothy's hands with an inward curse; but he turned to greet Miss Brand with his blandest smile and most amicable voice. So the opportunity was lost for

"May I join you in your drive?" he said, after a few minutes.

"Why, surely; it is your carriage," answered Dorothy.

"Whenever you care to use it, it is yours," said Lord Aylmer gallantly. So it happened that the two ladies and Lord Aylmer went for a drive together. And whilst they were driving nlong Kensington Gore, a young man who was walking with a lady and a little girl recognized Lord Aylmer, and lifted his hat. Lord Aylmer looked annoyed, but he had no other choice than to raise his hat in return.

"Who is that?" asked Esther. "Oh, some young man or other-I really cannot tell you," he answered. And Dorothy sat back in the carriage not feeling sorry that the young man had recognized Lord Aylmer, because in the lady walking beside him she

recognized the lady with the cold,



OH! IS THAT YOU?

serene eyes who occupied the flat above her own. But Esther, who had a dumb and indefinable sense of something wrong, and had seen the look of intense annoyance on his face, chose that moment, of all others, to ask Lord Aylmer the one question which, though she did not know it, was the most awkward of any that she could have asked

"Is Lady Aylmer in town?" she ask-

ed abruptly.
"Yes." He was positively surprised

into making the admission. "Oh! then I suppose she will be call-

ing on my cousin before long?' Esther scarcely put the remark in the form of a question, and yet it was a question. Lord Aylmer found himself

in the face of a difficulty for which he was not prepared. Yet he made haste to answer, for Dorothy's cousin was emphatically a young woman who could not be ignored. "I do not think I can answer for Lady Aylmer in that respect," he said, with his most punctilious air. "She and I do not in any way live the same life, do not visit in the same society, except so much as is unavoidable at Aylmer's Field. In fact, we do not get on very well togethermore is the pity-and she goes her way and I go mine, without one in any way trying to influence the other. It is just possible that Lady Aylmer may call on Mrs. Harris; but, again, it is exceedingly probable that nothing would induce her to do so. Really, I cannot answer for her one way or the

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N a veranda of the Covernment House at Madras, Dick Aylmer sat smoking-smoking and brooding over the inexplicable tangle which we call life.

He had now been three months without one word from Dorothy. He did

not know if the child had been born or not, if mother or child were living or dead, if Dorothy, his dear little wife, were false or true. He had heard from her once after reaching India, when she had written in good spirits and with many words of love for him, and in fondest anticipation of their mesting in a few months' time.

While he was sitting there brooding over his thoughts, a young man dressed in white garments came through a doorway behind him, and pulled up a big chair a little nearer to Dick's, in which he carefully disposed himself.

"Really, Dick," he remarked, "I don't call this half a bad place. Not so jolly as London, of course, but still not half

"I hate it," answered Dick, shortly. The other, fresh from home, looked at him with amused pity. "Poor old shipped him off to India, at what might When a widower courts a widow chap! like town better. Yes, of course, be called a moment's notice. "He had they are both in favor of a new trial

Why did you come out, then, eh? You got the post that was meant for me." "Lord Aylmer got the appointment, and I had to come-I had no choice. I

shouldn't be here if I had, you may be sure," Dick answered. "Ah! Lord Aylmer. Queer old chap,

"Awful old brute," said Dick, with a sigh; "but he happens for the present to be the ruler of my fortunes, and a thorough-going old martinet he is, too."

"Ah! I saw him the other day." Dick looked up with some interest. "Did you, though? In town?"

Now, town to Dick meant where Dorothy was, and for half an instant he had a wild idea that this man might be able to give him news of her. It died almost in its birth, however, and he in town long?" "A fortnight altogether. My sister other."

lives in town, you know." "No, I didn't-didn't know you had a sister."

"Oh, yes; she's a widow-had a little flat.

"A flat!" Dick pricked up his ears. "Yes. Where?" "In Kensington. Palace Mansions

they're called." "In Palace Mansions?" Dick managed to repeat.

The whole world seemed to be blotting out in a strange and insidious fashion, and it was two or three minutes before Dick came to his full senses again.

"I don't think she ought to live at Dick, but attending to his pipe. "Living alone except for the child. You never know what the other people are, don't you know. Now, there's a pretty little woman living in the flat below

"What number is your sister's?" Dick asked in a harsh, strained voice. "No. 6," Marston answered.

In the flash of an instant Dick had made a wild calculation. Yes, he meant Dorothy by "a pretty little wo-man." "Well?" he said.

He felt sick and faint and cold; he knew that now he was on the eve of news, and Marston's tone had made him dread to hear it.

Marston, all in ignorance, went on speaking. "Such a pretty girl. I saw her several times-fairish hair and delicate-looking, almost like a lady. Well, she went to live in the flat below my sister's and was very quiet. Husband came and went. My sister fancied it was a bit suspicious, and was careful to get no acquaintance with her. Well, for some months all went smoothly and quietly enough, then she heard, through her servants, I suppose, that Mrs. Harris' husband had his luggage passed. gone off to India, and that she was going out later when the child was

"Was there a child?" Dick asked. He was trembling so that he could scarce-

ly force his lips to frame the words. Marston noticed nothing, but went on with the story. "A child. I don't now if there was one then-there's

one now. I've seen it." Dick sat still by a mighty effort, 'Well," he said.

"Well, only a few days after the poor chap had gone my sister saw her handed into a smart carriage by an old gentleman-heard the footman call him 'my lord'-pair of highstepping horses -all in grand style. And now that carriage is always there, and who do you think the old gentleman is?"

"How should I know?" answered Dick, who was going over and over the postscript of his uncle's letter. "You'll know when I tell you." said



IMPOSSIBLE!

Marston with a chuckle; "it was your old uncle, Lord Aylmer."

"Impossible!" Dick burst out. "Not impossible at all, my dear chap," said Marston coolly. her driving with him myself, and jolly wretched she looked over it. I must say I pitied the poor devil out here; but I dare say he is having a very good time all the same. Eh? What?" asked of a native servant, who had

noiselessly approached him. "My lady wishes to speak to you. sir," said the man, who spoke very good English.

"Oh, all right, I'll come," and Marston went in, leaving poor Dick to fight his battle of pain alone.

So that was it, after all. No, he wouldn't believe it, and yet-yet-how could be help believing it? Marston had told him the plain, unvarnished facts, not knowing that Dick Aylmer and Mrs. Harris' husband were one and the same man. So this was why his uncle had suidenly taken a guiding hand in his fortunes-this was why he

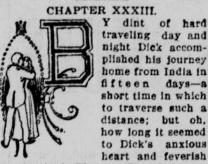
seen Lay Dorothy, and wanted me out OURT-MARIALED AND SHOT of the way, and he got me out OURT-MARIALED AND SHOT of the way, and he got me out of the way, and my darling-but no, no -I will believe nothing-nothing until I have seen her.

As soon as Lord Skevversleigh returned to the house Dick sent to ask if he could see him, and to him he explained something of the position of affairs, ending with, "I must go home, if it costs me all I have in the world."

Now, it happened that Lord Skevversleigh, though he liked Dick very well, had particularly wished to make Marston his literary secretary, and had he been able to refuse his old friend Aylmer he would certainly have done so. There were, however, certain pages of past history which practically precluded this possibility, but they did not preclude him from allowing Dick to throw up his appointment and betake himself home as soon as he liked; and with the very next steamer Dick said good-by to India and to Government House and set sail for his native country, hurrying off the boat at Brindisi and journeying homeward overland like an avenging spirit with whom the wicked old man who was the head of his house would have a very hard reckoning and but scant quarter.

For always in his heart there was that piteous appeal: "This long sisaid, indifferently enough. "Were you lence is killing me-for God's sake put me cut of suspense, one way or the

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traveling day and night Dick accomplished his journey home from India in fifteen days-a short time in which to traverse such a distance; but oh, how long it seemed to Dick's anxious heart and feverish imagination! The fast P. and O. boat

seemed to be standing still, the passage through the Suez Canal was madthere," Marston went on, not looking dening, although they went straight through, which was as lucky as unusual. Then there were the seemingly endless delays in getting off the steamer and into the train at Brindisi, and when at last they were fairly off the train seemed to crawl along no faster than the boat. Yet, in spite of all this impatient and vexatious anxiety, Dick made an unusually quick journey home, and in fifteen days from touching at Bombay he found himself walking along the platform of the Victoria station.

It was hard on the time of Christmas-crowds of people were hurrying to and fro, most of them with that busy and impatient look upon their faces which even the dullest persons generally assume at the approach of the festive season. But Dick did not trouble himself much about them. He had very little luggage to impede him, all his heavy baggage having been left in the steamer to come by seain fact, he had only his ordinary portmanteau and his hat-box, a couple of rugs and his stick; all of these he had with him in the carriage, so that he was almost the first passenger to get

"Cab, sir?" asked his porter. "res, hansom," Dick answered.

The man shouldered the portmanteau and went off to the cab rank, Dick following; but he was not destined to reach it without interruption, for as he crossed the less crowded part of the platform he heard an exclamation of surprise and found himself face to face with Lady Aylmer.

"Dick, Dick, is it you?" she cried, staring at him.

Dick put out his hands to her. "Yes, Lady Aylmer," he said; "I've come back. I'm in trouble-horrid trouble!" "My dear boy, how?" she cried.

Dick looked about him; he was anxlous not to waste a moment in getting to Palace Mansions. "You are going away," he said, uneasily. "I am keeping you. It is a long story, and I am anxious to get home to my wife." (To be Continued.)

WHAT "G. S. H." MEANT. Cabalistic Letters on an Egg Finally Interpreted Rightly.

The Portland Express is responsible for this story: A lady on Pearl street purchased a dozen eggs at Wilson's grocery store the other day. On one of the eggs she found the cabalistic letters, G. S. H. The event was noised among the neighbors, and it created a great deal of excitement.

All the women assembled at the house of the lady who found the egg, and held a consultation. It was unanimously agreed that the letters were prophetic of something, but what? One lady suggested that it meant "Give Sinners Help." Another suggested that it meant "God Sends Help." Still another said it meant that "God Saves Heathens ' Another declared that it meant that "God Sends Harmony." A certain old lady, who is well known for her religious devotion, had not taken part in the discussion, but sat intently listening to her sisters, who

were becoming quite animated. Suddenly this good old lady jumped to her feet, and in tones of exultation declared that she had figured out what the letters on the egg stood for. With the fire of righteous indignation sparkling in her eyes, she declared that the letters meant "Give Spain Hell." All present at once unanimously agreed that the interpretation was right .-Lewiston (Ms.) Journal.

"Primpin' Up."

'Rastus-"Pete, ain't ye through primpin' fo' de cake walk y't?" Pete-'Not quite; gotter git er lettle more aige on de razah."-New York Jour-

A Wisconsin Soldier in Porto Rico Pays the Penalty for Murder.

RESULT OF A SALOON QUARREL.

Volunteer Laduke Kills Regular Stafford -Court-Martialed on August 3, Found Guilty and Shot on the Morning of August 4-Left Camp Contrary to Orlers.

MILWAUSEE, Aug. 15 .- A dispatch to The Milwaukee Journal from Marinette, Wis., says: Word has been received here from Ponce, Porto Rico, that Private Laduke of the Second Wisconsin regiment, who shot and killed Private Stafford of the regular army during a quarrel in a saloon at Ponce, was court-martialed August 3, found guilty and shot on the morning of August 4.

Alexander Laduke was a member of Company I and Thomas Stafford was a member of the Thirteenth infantry. United States regulars. The murder of Stafford was the result of a quarrel in a wine shop in the mountains near Ponce, where the Second Wisconsin regiment was in camp. Strict orders had been given not to leave the camp or enter the houses, but Laduke, with two others, violated the order. In the wine shop they encountered two regulars, Stafford one of them.

According to witnesses, Laduke and Stafford quarreled and came to blows, during which Stafford was punished severely. The men were parted, but contined to quarrel. Stafford is said to have rushed at Laduke and the latter is said to have warned him to keep away or he would shoot him. He is then said to have gone into another room and loaded his rifle. When he came out Stafford again opened the quarrel. Laduke then shot him, the bullet passing through his lungs, Stafford dying instantly. Laduke surren-dered himself and was taken to the military prison.

WHEELER DEFENDS SHAFTER.

The Commanding General, the Veteran Holds, Is a Man of Great Ability.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 15 .- General Joseph Wheeler defends General Shafter in the following letter just received by Postmaster A. W. Wills, dated Santiago, July 27: think the criticisms on General Shafter were very unjust. He has had a hard task and has performed it successfully and well. He is a man of more than ordinary brain power and administrative ability. The criticism that he did not place himself on the firing line is ridiculous, as on July 1 he was carrying on two fights at the same time-one at Caney and one at San Juan. He had some reserves and had to place himself where he could see both fights and manage the whole affair, which he did efficiently. With very high regards, truly your friend -Joseph Wheeler."

ALL THE PORTS OPEN NOW.

Ships May Trade With Cuban and Porto

Rican Cities at Will. WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- The merchant vessels of the world are now open to enter and leave all Cuban and Porto Rican ports. The state department holds no further proclamation needed raising the blockade of these islands. The orders issued to the military and naval commanders and the President's proclamation of peace are said to be sufficient in themselves to end the blockade and open all ports to the shipping of the world. This means much not only to Spain and the beeaguered islands, but to the merchant shipping of GreatBritain, France, Germany and other countries having commerce with Cuba and Porto Rico.

POPE WANTS TO BE SHOWN.

Miracles Attributed to a Philadelphia Bishop Must Be Investigated.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 15 .- The tribunal of priests that has been conductng the investigations in connection with efforts to secure the canonization of the late Bishop Neumann, fourth bishop of Philadelphia, has completed its work so far as this city is concerned. The Rev. Joseph Wissel of St. Joseph's Catholic church will leave for Rome, August 20, with a copy of the acts of the tribunal. If the acts are approved at Rome a rigid investigation will begin into the miracles atributed to Bishop Neumann.

TO TREAT WITH SPAIN.

Day, Eustis, Hay and Gorman Belleved

to Have Been Chosen. WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- The appointment of the peace commissioners will be announced within the coming two weeks. There will be five commissioners on the part of each government. It is understood that the President has selected four of the United States commissioners. They are William R. Day, secretary of state; John Hay, ambassador at the court of St. James; J. R. Eustis, ex-minister to France, and Senator Arthur P. Gorman of Maryland.

THEY WILL GO TO MANILA.

Peace Will Have No Effect on Movement of Troops in San Francisco.

Washington, Aug. 15. - Arrangements have been made to send larger reinforcements to General Merritt. With the troops already at Manila and those which will arrive within a very few days, General Merritt will have 16,000 men. The 7,000 troops at san Francisco are to be sent as rapidly as transports can be obtained. These transports are now on their way from Nagasaki to San Francisco.

MEMORABLE DATES OF WAR.

The chronology of important dates of the war and events immediately preceding it is not a long one, but valuable to all students of history. This table gives every date worth, of precise recollection:

War began April 21, 1893 War closed...... August 12, 1898 Duration of hostilities......113 days Expense of actual war....\$141,000,000 Americans killed......503 Americans wounded......1,465 Vessels destroyed (American).....0 Vessels destroyed (Spanish)......35

Territory Lost by Spain. Sq. Miles. Population. Cuba.....41,655 1,631,000 Porto Rico.. 3,670 Guam Philippines52,650 7,000,000 February 15-Destruction of the

April 19-Armed intervention ordered by Congress.

April 22-Nashville fires first shot of April 23-President calls for 125,000

volunteers. April 25-Declaration of war by the United States.

May 1-Battle of Manila. May 11-The first naval battle in Cuban waters, the Winslow fight. May 12-Bombardment of San Juan,

Porto Rico. May 19-Admiral Cervera arrives at Santiago.

May 24-Oregon arrives off Florida; journey 13,000 miles. May 25-President calls for 75,000 more troops.

June 3-Lieutenant Hobson sinks the Merrimae in Santiago harbor. June 10-Invasion of Cuba by Americans commences.

June 11-Battle of Guantanamo. June 20-Ladrone islands taken. June 22-General Shafter lands at Baiquiri.

June 24-Battle of Balquirl. June 25-Sevilla capture L July 1 and 2-Battle of Santiago.

July 3-Destruction of Admiral Cervera's fleet. July 14-Santiago surrenders.

July 25-General Miles invades Porto Rico. July 26-Spain makes peace over-

tures. August 2-Arroyo and Guayama, Porto Rico, surrender.

August 3-French ambassador confers with President McKinley for Spain.

August &-Spanish forces in Porto Rico ordered not to resist. August 6-Spain accepts peace terms of the Unittd States.

August 10-Protocol cabled to Spain.

August 11-Spain authorizes the signing of the protocol. August 13-Protocol signed and President McKinley proclaims suspension

of hostilities. WHERE TORAL'S HORSES WENT Spanish Soldiers Sold America's Prizes of

War to Restaurants. SANTIAGO, Aug. 15 .- General Shafter's report says that, on July 24, 143 horses were turned over by General Toral as the sum total of the Spanish cavalry under his command. It is well known that 1,000 is nearer the number that should have been turned over, but history in this case must relate to the whys and wherefores of

the shrinkage. When Santiago surrendered or July 17, 11,000 Spaniards stood in urgent need, first of food, second of cash. These crafty Castilians killed a goodly number of old war horses and distributed the meat at fancy prices to the inns and chop houses of the district.

In the chaotic condition of Spain's military regime in the city orderlies would mount their officers' steeds and ride into the market place, offering their mounts to the first comer for the most they could get. In this simple manner, unhampered by the formality of a bill of sale, many horses changed hands, always to the advantage of the seller, who was getting something for what had cost him nothing, and incidentally depriving Uncle Sam of lawful prizes of war. And thus, at least partially is explained the fact that the Spanish cavalry horses turned over to General Shafter had dwindled to the ridiculous figure of 143.

They Expect Diaz in Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 15. -Signalizing the installation of the exhibit of the Mexican government at the exposition the Mexican band arrived yesterday and will give daily concerts on the grand plaza for several weeks. Invitations recently extended to President Diaz and members of his cabinet met a favorable response and the president of the Mexican republic and party are expected to visit the exposition next month.

Catholic Abstainers Thank Shafter.

Boston, Aug. 15 .- The last session of the national convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union was held yesterday in Fancuil hall. The first business was the adoption of a resolution thanking General Shafter on the stand he had taken on the ree and sale of intoxicating liquors in canteens in the army at Santiago, and for his refusal to permit cargoes of beer from the United States to be landed there.

Senator Harris on the War.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15 .- The Chicago Tribune prints the following to-day: 'Linwood, Kan.-The world has learned by this little war what a response would be made to meet a serious conflict. Earnest and devoted patriotism is everywhere that an American heart beats, and the men who do the shooting cannot be matched in all the world.-W. A. Harris, United States Senator."

Great Britain is building 108 ships

PROMOTIONS IN THE NAVY.

The Gallantry of Subordinate Officers Is Recognized.

SAMPSON AND SCHLEY GO UP.

Wainright and Victor Blue Advanced-Captain Clark the Best Rewarded Captain-Engineers in the List-Appointments Hold Until the Senate Acts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 .- For some unknown reason the administration decided not to adhere to its announcement that the promotions in the navy would be made as the recommendations by a board whose duty it should be to review the achievements of naval officers throughout the Spanish war, and to-day the navy department made public the following promotions in the North Atlantic fleet, previous publications having been inaccurate in some particulars. These are ad interim commissions, and hold until the Sonate confirms or rejects them. They take date of August 10, and in each case are for eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle.

Besides the commanding officers of the fleet that took part in the battle of Santiago, a number of subordinate officers, engineers and marine officers are promoted. Among these are Lieutenant Commander Wainwright of the Gloucester, who is advanced ten numbers; Commander McCalla of the Marblehead, who cleared the landing for marines at Guantanamo bay; the chief engineers of the battleships; Lieutenant Victor Blue, who made a hazardous trip behind Santiago to confirm the report of the presence of Cervera's flect in the harbor, and Lieutenant Colonel Huntington, who commanded the marines in their gallant fight at Guantanamo.

Here is the list: Commodore William T. Sampson, advanced eight numbers and appointed a rear admiral from August 10, for eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle. He takes rank next after Rear Admiral John A. Howell.

Commodore Winfield S. Schley, advanced six numbers and appointed a rear admiral from the same date and for the same reasons. Takes rank next after Rear Admiral William T. Sampson.

Captain John W. Philip of the Texas, advanced five numbers and appointed a commodore. Takes rank after Commodore John G. Watson. Captain Francis J. Higginson of the

Massachusetts, advanced three numbers. Takes rank next after Captain Bartlett J. Cromwell.
Captain Robley D. Evans of the

Iowa, advanced five numbers. Takes

rank next after Captain Charles S. Cot-

Captain Henry Taylor of the Indiana, advanced five numbers. Takes rank next after Captain John J. Read. Captain Francis A. Cook of the Brooklyn, advanced five numbers. Takes rank next after Captain Yates

Sterling. Captain Charles E. Clark of the Oregon, advanced six numbers. Takes rank next after Captain William C.

Captain French E. Chadwick of the New York, advanced five numbers. Takes rank next after Captain Charles I). Sigsbee.

TO A PEACE FOOTING AGAIN.

Navy Returns Revenue Cutters to the Treasury-Troops to Be Distributed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 .- Acting Secretary Allen continued to-day the reduction of the commissioned force of the navy. Orders were issued directing the return to the revenue cutter service of four cutters now on the Paeific coast, the Rush, Corum, Grant and Perry. These vessels were needed by the treasury department for the service on the seal patrol in Bering sea. They will be ordered north im-

mediately. Secretary Alger is taking measures to put the army on a peace footing. The regular troops on the way to Montauk point from Santiago de Cuba will, as soon as possible, be returned to the points from which they were drawn on the outbreak of the war.

FLEET TO GO NORTH AT ONCE. Formal Announcement Made of the Aban-

donment of the Raid on Spain. WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.-Rear Admiral Sampson's command will not be sent to the East. This definite announcement was made at the navy department this morning. The vessels

comprising it will be ordered north at

once in order to get them out of the enervating climate of Cuba. A Hot Time in California. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13 .- Reports from Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Los Angeles and many other interior points show that yesterday was the hottest day of the year and one of the warmest ever experienced in the state. The thermometer ranged from 91 de-

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grees at Los Angeles to 122 at Farm-

ington, in the San Joaquin valley. At

Sacramento it reached 110, the highest

on record.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.-All indications now point to the nomination by the Republican state convention of Congressman B. B. Odell, chairman of the Republican state committee, as the candidate for governor.

All the Sick to Go Home.

Washington, Aug. 13.-A general order has been issued at the adjutant general's office granting one month's furlough to the sick and wounded sol-diers and transportation to their