CHAPTER XXI.-Continued.

get into-into-unfriendly hands! I monitions. have pledged myself that Miss Patricia | Now be cheerful! Be cordial! In narrative wholly indefensible; but I shall be kept free from further trouble. I have to do a little more than protect to disappear I shall be hanging about to disappear I shall be hanging about with an eye for danger signals. Ah' life approaches! He comes!"

and Helen had openly challenged me. If I could carry this deception through successfully I believed that within a few hours I might bring Henry Holling the approaches! He comes!"

Gillespie advanced consolvers to brook to terms. As for Cillespie had openly challenged me. If I could carry this deception through successfully I believed that within a few hours I might bring Henry Holling the company of the com awe it to your daughter to go back to dillespie advanced eager happiness alight in his face. You saved your brother once;

one owe him no further mercy." He thrust his hands into his pockets "Oh, Mr. Donovan is the kindest per-

you will be very careful of my little and he gazed at her with frank, boygurl, she is all I have—quite all I ish admiration. Then she drew her

and lowed with a graceful, old-fash, cheerily.

Will I do, reptiemen, all?" she

She threw off a long scarlet clock

us in white-ft was as though she had ducah and a number of other towns stepped out of flame. She turned slowly round, with head bent, submitting berself for our inspection. "I think I read doubt in your mind."

she laughed. "You must not tell me now that you have backed out; I shall try it myself, if you are weakening. I am anxious for the curtain to rise." There is only one thing: I suggest

that you omit that locket. I diped with her to night, so my memory is did not heed me until I spoke to them.

She unclasped the tiny locket that boung from a slight band of velvet at her throat and threw it aside; and her father, who was not, I saw, wholly seem to me I am doing pretty well, reconciled to my undertaking, held the all things considered! What have cleak for her and led the way with a you been talking about?" leatern through the garden and down An' the Squidgicum-Squees 'at swallers to the waterside and along the creek to the launch where Ijima was in Rosalind quoted. "I hope you have

I was taking steering directions from IJima, but as we neared Port An- "I should like to tell her that! We nandale I glanced over my shoulder to saw, you through the window. She mark the casino pier lights when struck us as very pretty, didn't she, Rosafind sang out:

"Hard aport-hard!" length of a sailboat, which, showing both laughed. no light, but with mainsail set, was are showed darkly against the cuddy. schoolhouse. "Hang out your lights!" I shouted,

aperity. But there was no reply. The Stiletto," muttered Ijima, starting the engine again.

"We must look out for her going back," I said, as we watched the sloop merge into shadow.

The lights of the casino blazed cheerily as we drew up to the pier. and Resalind stepped out in good spirits, catching up and humming the waltz that rang down upon us from she exclaimed, and Gillespie rose duelist, James Jackson, who as a genthe clubhouse.

Lady," I said, "let us see what | lands we shall discover." I ought to feel terribly wicked, but cloak for the first time.

really never felt cheerfuller in my life," she averred. "But I have one the honor?" "mbarrassment!"

irapped the hood upon her shoulders. lessly and she turned to Gillespie with- ond to 'fix it up' with me. My good, river. if I know! I call him Buttons usually; it must have been the quick transition before in a like absurd business in a air vibrate as nothing else can. In

bim Reggle." think we used to call him Reggie on of the moment, and put her arm on trying to have cleaned up. With a to penetrate better for short distances. Strawberry Hill. Very likely he will his arm.



"I Want You to Exchange Cloaks with Me."

detect the fraud at once and I shan't, "We mustn't miss a note of it! Goodget very far with him." by"-and with a nod to me I next saw

Their mothers were much alike, dance ceased and a throng of young dancers. that they were distinguishable. If you people came gayly out to take the air. As I caught up the cloak under my ment, and we will make sure that he are proposing a substitution of Rosa- We joined the procession, and were arm something crackled under my fin- is deceived by letting him take you the i for Helen, I should say to have a accepted without remark. Several gers, and hurrying to a dark corner home. You are as like as two peasare of it. You may deceive a casual men whom I had seen in the village of the veranda I found the pocket and in everything except temper, humor or mes in the highway nodded amiably, drew forth an envelope. My con- and such trifles; but your cloaks are have carried through worse ad- Gillespie, I knew, was waiting some- science, I confess, was agreeably quies- quite different. Please!" ventures. Those documents must not where; and I gave Rosalind final ad- cent. You may, if you wish, pronounce my conduct at several points of this

case of doubt grow moody, and look was engaged in a sincere effort to out upon the water, as though seeking straighten out the Holbrook tangle, have in the world. Again, will you and Helen had openly challenged me. kindly exchange cloaks with me?

> "Helen" be cried, taking her hand; and to me: "You are not so great a

liar after all, Irishman."

and paced the floor a moment, before son imaginable," she replied, and turned her head daringly so that the You are quite right. But I am sure light from a window fell full upon her,

a boat. She moved with a graceful distance of 1 was promptly setzed by a young casino. I saw her and lost her again needn't say anything to him when you Miss Pat as Rosalind come into the man, who feigned to have meet me in as she passed in and out of the light land, only that you must get home duced to a girl from Detroit whose asked, gayly. "Do I look the fraud I name I shall never know in this world. I remember that she danced well, and that she asked me whether I knew Helen Holbrook, walking swiftly, as me, absolutely." that fell to her heels and stood before people in Duluth, Fond du Lac, Pawhich she recited like a geographical index. She formed, I think, a high general joy of the situation. After our third dance I got her an ice and found another cavalier for her. I did not feel at all as contrite as I should have felt as I strolled round the veranda toward Rosalind and Gillespie. They were talking in low tones and quietly."

> "Oh, it's you, is it?"-and Gillesple "I have been gone two years! It

"- Bout Glunts, an' Griffuns, an' Elves.

been enjoying yourself." "After a dull fashion, yes."

Reggie?" "I didn't notice her," Gillespie re-I obeyed, and we passed within our's plied with so little interest that we

"It's too bad," remarked Rosalind, loafing leisurely before the light west "that Aunt Pat couldn't have come wind. As we veered away I saw a with us. It would have been a relief man's figure at the wheel; another fig- for her to get away from that dreary

> "I might go and fetch her," I suggested.

"If you do," said Gillespie, grinning, "you will not find us here when you icans from dueling are fewer than get back."

remembrance of her aunt's forlorn ex- tic, has this amusing reminiscence: ile; then the music broke out in a two-

"Come! We must have this dance! obediently. I followed, exchanging eral fell at Perryville. Fortunately, I A discussion of that question the other chaff with Rosalind until we came to knew Jackson well as a boy of 18 may evening resulted in a unanimous verthe door, where she threw off her know a man of twice his years. I dict finally being returned in favor of

"Lord and protector, will you do me man an easy way out. At first he was being given by a man from western

Well - and we paused, while she tossed the cloak across my arm care- vexed-but in the end he told his sec- when he was 18 miles away from the What shall I call this gentleman?" out looking at me. He hesitated- I may say indeed affectionate, rela- The deep, resonant tones of the What does she call him? I'm blest some word faltered on his lips. I think tions with Jackson had begun a year steamboat whistle seem to make the Knight of the Rueful Countenance of her appearance effected by the ballroom. Frankfort. I had acci- that respect it is like many pipe ormight serve; but very likely she calls change from the rich color of the dentally stepped into a mess made on gans in churches, the lower tones of cloak to the white of her dress that the floor by the breaking of a bottle of which make the churches throb from "I will try them all," she said. "I startled him. She realized the danger champagne, which he as manager was floor to some. The highest notes seem

have done, what I might have known you would do, I shall punish you terribly-you and her!"

"You may punish me all you like, but you shall not punish her!" I said with her own emphasis.

"Reginald promised me some papers to-night-my father had asked me to get them for him. She does not know, this cousin of mine, what they are, what her father is! It is left for you to bring the shame upon her.

"It had better be I than you, in your present frame of mind!"-and the pity welled in my heart. I must save her from the heartache that lay in the truth. If I failed in this I should fail indeed.

"Do you want her to know that her father is a forger-a felon? That is what you are telling her, if you trick Reginald into giving her those papers he was to give me for my father!" "She hasn't those papers. I have

them. They are in my pocket, quite safe from all of you. You are altogether too vindictive, you Holbrooks! I have no intention of trusting you with such high explosives.

"Reginald shall take them away from you. He is not a child to be played with-duped in this fashion." "Reginald is a good fellow. He will

always love me for this-" "For cheating him? Don't you suppose he will resent it? Don't you think he knows me from every other girl in

the world?" "No. I do not. In fact, I have proved that he doesn't. You see, Miss Holbrook, he gave her the documents in the case without a question." "And she dutifully passed them |

on to you!" "Nothing of the kind, my dear Miss Holbrook! I took them out of her cloak pocket."

"That is quite in keeping!" "I'm not done yet! Pardon me, but As we passed the open door the her far away amid the throng of I want you to exchange cloaks with

> "I will not!" "Please!"

"You are despicable, despicable!"

"I am really the best friend you He approaches! He comes!" few hours I might bring Henry Hol-Gillespie advanced eagerly, with brook to terms. As for Gillespie, he say nothing as he takes you home was far safer with Rosalind than with about papers, your father, your uncle Helen. I thrust the envelope into my or your aunt. You will talk to him of breast pocket and settled myself by times when you were children at Stamthe veranda rail, where I could look ford, and things like that, in a dreamy out upon the lake, and at the same reminiscential key. If he speaks of time keep an eye on the ballroom. things that you don't exactly under-Somewhere beneath I heard the stand, refers to what he has said to rumble and bang of a bowling-alley your cousin here to-night, you need above the music. Then my eyes, roam- only fend him off; tell him the inciing the lake, fell upon the casino pier dent is closed. When I bring him to below. Some one was coming toward vou in ten minutes it will be with the He went to the hall and called her cheerily.

which is a boat. She moved swiftly toward the his launch at the casino pier; you of the pier lamps. A dozen times the quietly, so Miss Pat shan't know you shadows caught her away; a dozen have been out. Your exits and your times the pier lights flashed upon her; entrances are your own affair. Now I and at last I was aware that it was hope you see the wisdom of obeying

though upon an urgent errand. I ran "I didn't know that I could hate you down the steps and met her luckily on so much!" she said, quietly. "But I a deserted stretch of board walk. I shall not forget this. I shall let you was prepared for an angry outburst, see before I am a day older that you opinion of my sense of humor, for I but hardly for the sword-like glitter of are not quite the master you think you are; suppose I tell him how you "This is infamous! It is outrage have played with him." ous! I did not believe that even you

"Then before you are three hours older I shall precipitate a crisis that "I am anything you like; but please you will not like, Miss Holbrook. I adcome to a place where we can talk vise you, as your best friend, to do what I ask." "I will not! I will not be tricked by

She shrugged her shoulders, drew the scarlet cloak more closely about "You will come along with me, at her, and I left her gazing off into the once and quietly," I said; and to my strip of wood that lay close upon the surprise she walked up the steps be inland side of the clubhouse. I was side me. As we passed the ballroom by no means sure of her, but there door the music climbed to its climax was not time for further parley. I dropped the blue cloak on a chair in a "Come, let us go to the farther end corner and hurried round to the door of the ballroom, meeting Rosalind and When we had reached a quiet cor- Gillespie coming out flushed with their dance. "If you have done what I think you

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



In the Days of the Duel

Met on "Field of Honor."

ner she broke out upon me again.

her first words.

of the veranda."

would be guilty of this!"

The years which separate us Amermost of us realize. The late Prof. Rosalind sighed, as though at the Shaler's Autobiography, in the Atlan-

sflly cousin of mine with too much wine in him challenged a well-known made my plea to him to give my kins- the steamboat whistle, one instance obdurate, saying that he would have Kentucky who had heard a steamboat It all happened in a moment. I his life—he had, indeed, reason to be on the Ohio whistling for a landing

Reminder of Times When Gentlemen new-found manly dignity was offended; so therefore, as usual in such cases, I asked him for his card. His answer was: 'I beg pardor, my dear sir, I took you for a boy.' We both saw the fun of the situation, and became friends. He was one of the glories of this world; he lifted my sense of what it was to be a man-"The first occasion was when a the ancient type of gentleman."

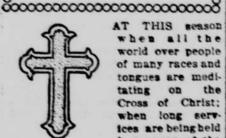
Far-Sounding Steamboat Whistle. What kind of sound travels furthest?

sharp word, he pushed me aside; my while the lower ones carry better.





The Cross In History, Art And Legend



cessions are solemnly marching to the for patriotic bravery in war. may be of interest to consider the his- ing out to deliver the Holy Land from tory and traditions of this wonderful the dominion of the infidel, the brave symbol under which we live and in warriors were thus named because of the name of which so much has been the red cross they wore as badges on wrought of world-wide good to hu- their right shoulders. manity, and, alas! of great harm The archbishop's crozier-the enthrough Christian fanaticism.

earth about which there has been "pastoral" staff of bishops and abbots, more controversy, more dissensions which have a shepherd's crook and more superstitions than about this Thus has been experienced the say one great object for reverence on the ing of Justin Martyr so many years one side, and for derision on the other. ago-that "the sign of the cross was pointed Judge Lincoln Frost of Lin-

the banner of which great deeds of my love." heroism have been done, as in olden In the middle ages and in Crusaders Story of the Cross filled with religious symbol of the Christian in contradis. Columbus April 27 and 28. zeal entered bravely into uncivilized tinction to the Crescent of the Moand barbarian lands, fearlesly ignor hammedan. ing great dangers.

ried it to the Britons and Saxons. The stood for a silent oath. worship of the sun as observed by the Incas was brought to an end through used this sign, which was connected be utilized for displays and the en-

many missions to spread the teachonly the spirit of this art, but also that of architecture, for we find throughout the great Christian architecture of the Middle Ages and in all forms of mediaeval decoration this sign of the cross standing out conspicuously. The very foundations of the edifices which were erected in commemoration of faith in this symbol fol-

in the ridge line of its roofs. Crosses, material to market. Being the keynote and the "glory"

triumph of Christianity the cross at symbol of highest nobility and honor, state and necessary to a realization of AT THIS season It was now considered to add dignity all the possibilities of the future. It when all the to the crowns and scepters of emper would be of vast benefit to us, if for world over people ors and princes. It became the proud no other reason than it would open of many races and est ensign of knightly rank. The the eyes of our people and the countongues are medi- greatest warriors were proud to see the try generally to the matchless opportating on the cross on the hilts of their swords as tunities for the development of mater-Cross of Christ; well as on the banners under which ial prosperity and a representative when long serv they fought. It also became a sign of citizenship in Nebraska. ices are being held merit for valor and bravery-a reward "With a firm belief that vital bene-

sign of his office-is the staff with a Perhaps there is no other object on cross head, distinguishing it from the

Ever since the crucifixion it has impressed upon the whole of nature. coln and Judge Lee S. Estelle of Omaleft a strong impress on the history of There is hardly a handicraftsman also ha delegates to the American academy the nations and has been revered in but uses the figure of it among the of political and social science, which the religion of all the sects bearing implements of his industry. It forms will meet in Philadelphia April 8 and the name of Christ. It has been sur- a part of man himself." Man has been 9. Among other subjects the academy rounded by traditions and mysticism created in this form as has been beau will consider juvenile court methods. and endowed with supernatural and tifully illustrated by Emily Collier in miraculous attributes. It has been ta- the painting depicting the Holy Child's ken as the emblem of a faith under expression of his love-"So wide is

sage to one another in their first days doors department will probably in-In more recent times Spanish of persecution. Mingling with the clude a number of machinery examid many hardships, wrested from thus make themselves known to each the aborigines the western coast of other without calling the attention of our own country, where they erected those around them. In visiting the catacombs in Rome, where they hid ings of Christianity. The influence of from fear of their persecutors, it is inthe cross so entirely filled the minds tensely interesting to notice that the of its followers that it became the cen- sign so sacred to them is carved and ter subject of the paintings of the old engraven all around the walls of their masters and in time permeated not prison cells and above the tombs of their brethren.

> Easter. Like a meteor, large and bright, Fell a golden seed of light On the field of Christmas night When the Babe was born. Then 'twas sepulchred in gloom

Flashed its everlasting bloom

Birthday of Hope

Why Easter Morning Is the Symbol of the Soul's Resurrection.

oul's resurrection; the birthday of mysterious alchemy the lovely transthe hope, the natal day of its spiritual formation was wrought. The touch ife. From the first moment of its of heaven gave it its purity and sweetlawning light sunshine illumined the ness. Such is the spiritual Easter of vorid's sorrow and music cheered its the soul. And in that miracle Jesus narch to the tomb. Every conqueror lifts humanity back to God .- D. M. n Christ goes through life with a Pratt.

song and a smile, while his heart and his hope are anchored in the skies. The miracle of the Easter lily is nature's parable of this truth. Its lustrous whiteness come out of the black refuse at its roots, its fragrance Easter morning is the symbol of the out of the foulness of decay. By some

CONSERVATION MEET

THE GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLA MATION RELATIVE TO SAME.

SUBJECTS TO BE TREATED

Meeting Will Be Known As First Nebraska Conservation and State Development Congress.

It has been decided to hold a Nebraska Conservation and State Development congress on Tuesday and

Wednesday, March 23, in this city. The subjects to be treated are: "Conservation of Natural Resources." "Good Roads," "Seed Corn," "Problems of North western Nebraska," "Public Health" and other kindred subjects.

Governor Shallenberger has issued a call for the convention, during which he says:

"The benefits to be derived from improved methods of cultivation, the improvement of our grasses and grains and of the live stock upon the farm are things which must be brought home to every farmer. Our dairy interests are ever growing and should be fostered and encouraged as or of the most important sources of our material wealth. Good roads should be built to enable the producers of our products to reach the railroad markets easily and quickly. Practical and intelligent work upon our country roads can be made easily possible if careful attention is given to this matter by those who make our laws and they who make and use the roads. A great deal is being said about the value to be derived from very walls from their foundations up ways, but still greater benefit will ward might carry with them as they follow a systematic and thorough rose the image of the sacred sign, to improvement of the roads over which receive its crowning figure displayed the farmer must transport his raw

in an endless variety of forms, still "There are problems of developsurmount the loftiest and finest parts ment and proper conservation of our of the architecture of the cathedrals natural resources which confront the and churches of Europe. Above the people of western Nebraska that are tombs of the departed or even in the to be considered along entirely difpavements of the church above the ferent lines in the eastern portion of monumental vaults in these cathedrals our state. The representatives of the this same sign proclaims the faith of different portions of our state should meet in a state conference once a of the Christian religion this emblem come became prized in other directions. soon became prized in other directions needs and requirements of each secbesides those ecclesiastic. With the tion and discuss those matters that once was recognized as a universal are essential to every portion of the

in memory of the for deeds of honor, as the fron cross fits would come to the people of the greatest tragedy on Golgotha, and pro- of Prussia established by William III. state by calling a convention of representative men from every county in stations of the Cross, bearing banners | It was worn also as a protection in Nebraska, to meet at the capital city and crucifixes, and bowing reverently times of trouble. To denote the con- of the commonwealth, to consider the before altars and pictures commem- secration of those devoted to the aid vast problems which I have briefly orating the sorrowful walk to Call of the suffering and needy; the Red touched upon as essential to our vary; when in the Holy Land thou- Cross was the confederation of socie further advancement. I hereby prosands of pilgrims from every nation ties in different countries for the bet claim and call a convention to be are treading the very "Via Dolorosa" terment of conditions of the wounded held at Lincoln, Neb., March 29 and on which he trod as he left the Holy soldiers in campaigns on land and 30, 1910, to be known as The First City forever, carrying his cross to the sea. In Crusader days, beginning Nebraska Conservation and State De-"Accursed Hill" outside the walls; it with Peter the Hermit, in 1094, start velopment congress, and earnestly request the entire citizenship of the state to co-operate in carrying out a plan for this gathering, so that it may result in making for the further development of all the natural resources of our state and opportunities for manufacture and improved agriculture as well."

Governor Appoints Delegates.

Governor Shallenberger has ap-

Call for State Convention. President H. M. Bushnell of Lincoln has issued a call for the state convention of the Nebraska association days when pioneer messengers of the days the cross was the distinctive of Commercial clubs to be held at

The Industrial Exposition. Besides fixing dates for the great-The custom of marking one's sig- er Lincoln industrial exposition, May Heralded by Christian banners the nature by a cross was first adopted 24 to 28, the committee arranging for procession of civilization has spread by Christians in the year 110 to disthat event has agreed on some of the to all parts of the world. Romans car- tinguish them from the pagans, and it details to be provided. Not only the auditorium building but also the out-The early Christians immediately side space at Thirteenth and M will the ascendancy of Spanish bearers of with their religion, as a secret mest tertainment of the crowds. The outmonks, with peace in their hearts, persecutors of their faith, they could hibits. The auditorium will be partioned off for booths, and these will all be constructed in advance.

Six Calves in Year.

H. Huff of Spalding has reported to to Secretary Mellor of the state fair board that he has a cow which has given birth to six calves during the last fifteen months. The cow is a registered red Polled-Angus.

Death of University Athlete. G. O. Hammond of Pawnee City, a prominent University of Nebraska athlete, died a few days ago from a stroke of paralysis. He was a junior in the engineering college of the uni-

Sheep Shearing Yards.

The second lot of 2,000 sheep in transit have been sheared at the Burlington vards at Burnham. These sheep yards are the second in importance on the system and have a capacity of about 25,000 head. The work of shearing was done by ma chinery at the rate of 150 a day. The clip averaged five and a half pounds to the animal. The machinery is operated by an electric motor. From June, 1908, to June, 1909, 2,736 cars of sheep were sheared in the yards This year will show an increase.