

SYNOPSIS.

Separate John Calbour is invited to become socretary of state in Tyler's cabined its declares that if he accepts Texas and overson miset he added to the Union. He sends his secretary. Nicholas Trist, to ask the Baronies von Brik, app of the Bruish auchassador. Pakenham, to call at the sparaments. White scarching for the baroness home, a carringe drives up and Nicholas is invited to enter. The occupant is the haroness, and the asks Nicholas to assist in evading persuers. Nicholas notes that the baroness has best a slipper. She gives him the remaining slipper as a pledge that she will tell Calbour what he wants to know regarding England's intentions toward Mexico. As security Nicholas gives her a tribled he intended for his sweetheart. Elizabeth Churchill. Tyler tudis Pakenham that joint occupation of Oregon with England, must cross, that the west has raised the cry of "Fifty-four Forty, or Fight." Calbour becomes secretary of state. He orders Nicholas to Montreal on state business, and the latter plans to be married that night. The baroness says she will try to prevent the murriage. A drunken congressman whom Nicholas asis to assist in the wedding arrangements, sends the baroness' slipper to Elizabeth, by mistake, and the wedding is declared off. Nicholas finds the baroness in Montreal, she having succeeded, where he failed, in discovering England's intentions regarding Oregon. She tells him that the slipper he had to his possession contained a note from the attache of Texas to the British ambassador, saying that if the United States did not annex Texas within 30 days, she would lose both Texas and Oregon. Nicholas masses home for oregon. Nicholas to be seen a new torse to the grather to make masses to he form the party of settlets bound for Oregon. Nicholas has an unautisfactory interview with Elizabeth. Calbour excites the jealousy of Senera yturrio and thereby secures the signature of the Texas attache to a treaty of annexation. Nicholas starts for Oregon. He wins the face over the British party. A British wa

CHAPTER XXVII.-Continued.

Yet she was the same. She seemed slightly thinner now, yet not less beautiful. Her eyes were dark and brilliant as ever. The clear features of her face were framed in the roll of her heavy locks, as I had seen them last. Her garb, as usual, betokened luxury, She was robed as though for some fete, all in white satin, and pale blue fires of stones shone faintly at threat and wrist. Contrast enough she made to me, clad in smoke-browned tunic of buck, with the leggings and moccasins of a savage, my belt lacking but friend are you?" prepared for weapons.

"I see, madam," said I, smiling, "that | this wild country! How unfit here am I, a savage, who introduce the one discordant note into so sweet a friend. You know my history. You

about me as I took in the details of | not betray me? You warned me once, the long room in which we stood. I at Montreal. Will you not shield me swear it was the same as that in once again. Come, can you betray a which I had seen her at a similar people of whom you can say so hour in Montreal! It was the same I much? had first seen in Washington!

Impossible? I am doubted? Ab, but do I not know? Did I not see? posed in me!" Here were the pictures on the walls, couches! Heyond yonder satin curdrapery reaching almost to the deep | Meantime, you have not reported?" pile of the carpets.

Yet not quite the same, it seemed to me. There were some little things missing, just as there were some little things missing from her appearance. Napoleon bed at its end of the room, now were of blankets and not of silk. The bed itself was not piled deep in stuffed perhaps with straw. A roll of backwoodsmen once more!" blankets lay across its foot. As I gazed to the farther extremity of this ability!" she smiled. side of the long suite, I saw other evithe ways of the rude democracy of the | ness. far frontiers.

my first burried glance I had accepted | a life-who have all! But I-my hands i no more than half a jest." her, as always one must, just as she

"Yes," said she at length, slowly,

"yes. I now believe it to be fate." She had not yet smiled. I took her hand and held it long. I felt glad to things now were shaping. I surely than what I wear, while you have

needed a friend. At last, her face flushing slightly, she disongaged her hand and motioned me to a seat. But still we stood silent for a few moments. "Have you no

curiosity?" said she at length. "I am too happy to have curiosity,

my dear madam." "You will not even ask me why I am here?" she insisted.

You are in the pay of England. When | though half in horror. I missed you at Montreal, I knew you had sailed on the Modeste for Orefor it. I have come across by land to same." meet you. I have waited. I greet you now!

She looked me now clearly in the ried?" face. "I am not sure," said she at length, slowly.

"Not sure of what, madam? When

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Her Garb, as Usual, Betokened Luxury.

you travel on Eugland's warship," I motion of a hand which beckoned me smiled, "you travel as the guest of | to a seat at the opposite side of the England herself. If, then, you are table. As I sat, I saw her search my not for England, in God's name, whose face carefully, slowly, with eyes I

slowly. "I say to you that I do not self. still I am only asleep and dreaming. know. Nor do I know who is my "It succeeded, then!" said she, "Yet But how exquisite a dream, here in friend. A friend-what is that? I I am not happy! Yet I have failed!"

"Then be mine. Let me be your know about me and my work. I throw I gestured to my costume, gestured my secret into your hands. You will

> "Ah, now you would try to tempt me from a trust which has been re-

"Not in the least. I would not have the carved Cupids, the candelabra you break your word with Mr. Pakenwith their prisms, the chairs, the ham; but I know you are here on the same errand as myself. You are to tains rose the high canopy of the em- learn facts and report them to Mr. broldery-covered couch, its fringed Pakenham-as I am to Mr. Calhoun.

"No, I am not yet ready." "Certainly not. You are not yet possessed of your facts. You have not yet seen this country. You do not yet know these men-the same savages For instance, these draperies at the who once accounted for another Paright, which formerly had cut off the kenham at New Orleans-hardy as buffaloes, fierce as wolves. Wait and see them come pouring across the mountains into Oregon. Then make down, but contained, as I fancied from | your report to this Pakenham. Ask my hurried glauce, a thin mattress, him if England wishes to fight our

"You credit me with very much

She dropped into a chair near by a dences of change. It was indeed as little table, where the light of the tall able to speak. She went on though Helena von Ritz, creature of candles, guttering in their enameled luxury, woman of an old, luxurious sconces, fell full upon her face. She world, exotic of monarchical surround | looked at me fixedly, her eyes dark | perate. 1 was only beginning to ings, had begun insensibly to slip into | and mournful in spite of their eager-

"Ah, it is easy for you to speak, I saw all this; but ere I had finished easy for you who have so rich and full you a day nor her an hour. 'Twas all are empty!" She spread out her curved fingers, looking at them, dropping her hands, pathetically

drooping her shoulders. "All, madam? What do you mean? You see me almost in rags. Beyond

what you like." "All but everything!" she murmured; "all but home!

"Nor have I a home."

"All, except that my couch is empty save for myself and my memories!" "Not more than mine, nor with sadder memories, madam."

"Why, what do you mean?" she asked me suddenly. "What do you "I know. I have known all along, mean?" She repeated it again, as

"Only that we are equal and alike That we are here on the same errand. gon. We knew all this, and planned That our view of life should be the

> "What do you mean about home? But tell me, were you not then mar-"No, 1 am alone, madam. I never

shall be married." There may have been some slight

could not read. At last she spoke, aft-"Whose friend am 1?" she answered er her frequent fashfon, half to her-

"I pause, madam," said 1, smiling. "I await your pleasure."

"Ah, God! Ah, God!" she sighed. What have I done?" She staggered to her feet and stood beating her hands together, as was her way when perturbed. "What have I done!"

"Threlka!" I heard her call, half chokingly. The old servant came hur-

"Wine, tea, anything, Threlka!" She dropped down again opposite me,

panting, and looking at me with wide "Tell me, do you know what you

have said?" she began. "No, madam. I grieve if I have

caused you any pain." "Well, then you are noble; when

look, what pain I have caused you! Yet not more than myself. No, not so much. I hope not so much!"

Truly there is thought which passes from mind to mind. Suddenly the thing in her mind sped across to mine. I looked at her suddenly, in my eyes also, perhaps, the horror which I felt.

"It was you!" I exclaimed. "It was you! Ah, now I begin to understand! How could you? You parted us! You parted me from Elizabeth!"

"Yea," she said regretfully, "I did it. It was my fault. I rose and drew apart from her, un-

"But I was not then as I am now. See, I was embittered, reckless, desthink-I only wanted time. I did not really mean to do all this. I only thought- Why, I had not yet known

"How could you do it?" I demanded. "Yet that is no more strange. How did you do it?"

"At the door, that first night. was mad then over the wrong done to what little womanhood I could claim see her, and to take her hand; it the rifle at my cabin, the pistol at my for my own. I hated Yturrio. I hated seemed pledge of friendship; and as | tent. I have scarce more in wealth | Pakenham. They had both insulted me. I hated every man. I had seen nothing but the bitter and desperate side of life-I was eager to take revenge even upon the innocent ones of women, against women. I say-against women!"

stand." -why, then, in the cevil's resolution | who is new to it.



that no woman in the world should be happy if I could help, I slipped in the body of the slipper a little line or so that I had written when you did not see, when I was in the other room. 'Twas that took the place of Van Zandt's message, after all. Monsieur, it was fate. Van Zandt's letter, without plan, fell out on my table. Your note, sent by plan, remained in the shoe!"

"And what did it say? Tell me at

once. "Very little. Yet enough for a woman who loved and who expected. Only this: 'In spite of that other woman, come to me still. Who can teach you love of woman as I can? Helena.' I think it was some such words as those."

"I had not thought any one capable of that," said I.

"Ah, but I repented on the instant! I repented before night came. In the twilight I got upon my knees and prayed that all my plan might go wrong--if I could call it plan."

But again I could only turn away to ponder.

"See," she went on; "for myself, this is irremediable, but it is not so for you, nor for her. It is not too ill to be made right again. There in Montreal, I thought that I had failed in my plan, that you indeed were married. You held yourself well in hand; like a man, monsieur. But as to that, you were married, for your love for her remained; your pledge held. And did not I, repenting, marry you to her -did not I, on my knees, marry you to her that night? Oh, do not blame me too much!"

"She should not have doubted," said "I shall not go back and ask her again. The weakest of men are strong

sometimes!"

"Ah, now you are but a man! Being such, you cannot understand how terribly much the faith of man means for a woman. It was her need for you that spoke, not her doubt of you. Forgive her. She was not to blame. Blame me! Do what you like to punish me! Now, I shall make amends. Tell me what I best may do. Shall I go to her, shall I tell her."

"Not as my messenger. Not for

me. "No? Well, then, for myself? That is my right. I shall tell her how priestly faithful a man you were. Come," she said, "I will bargain with

you, after all!" "Any bargain you like, madam." "And I will keep my bargain. You know that I will."

"Yes, I know that." "Very well, then. I am going back

to Washington." "How do you mean?"

"By land, across the country; the way you came."

"You do not know what you say, madam. The journey you suggest is incredible, impossible.

"That matters nothing. I am going. And I am going alone- No, you cannot come with me. Do you think would risk more than I have risked? I go alone. I am England's spy; yes, that is true. I am to report to England: yes, that is true. Therefore, the more I see, the more I shall have to report. Besides, I have something else to do."

"But would Mr. Pakenham listen to

your report, after all?" Now she hesitated for a moment, "I can induce him to listen," she said. "That is part of my errand. First, before I see Mr. Pakenham I am going to see Miss Elizabeth Churchill. 1 shall report also to her. Then I shall have done my duty. Is it not so?"

"You could do no more," said 1.

'But what bargain-"Listen. If she uses me ill and will not believe either you or me-then. being a woman, I shall hate her; and in that case I shall go to Sir Richard for my own revenge. I shall tell him to bring on this war. In that case, Oregon will be lost to you, or at least bought dear by blood and treasure."

"We will attend to that, madain," said I grimly, and I smiled at her, although a sudden fear caught at my heart. I knew what damage she was in position to accomplish if she liked. My heart stood still. I felt the faint sweat again on my forchead.

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Drawing from the Senses. Sense picturing is the latest devel opment in the training of the young idea how to draw, and it is certainly a great aid to accurate visualization. this world, seeing that I had suffered Taste picturing is perhaps the most so much. I had an old grudge against popular, because it involves sweet meats or fruti. Smell picturing some times leads to curious results, as She buried her face in her hands, I when a bunch of violets was held to saw her eyes no more till Threlka the nose of a child and touched it. His came and lifted her head, offering her sense of touch was stronger than his cup of drink, and so standing pa- sense of smell, and he immediately tiently until again she had dismissal. | drew a bird, taking the flowers for "But still it is all a puzzle to me, feathers. Sound picturing is also very madam," I began. "I do not under- deceptive, and it is astonishing how many people (it may be practised by "Well, when you stood at the door, grown-ups as well as youngsters) will my little shoe in your pocket, when mistake a plane for a saw. Touch you kissed my hand that first night, picturing is especially difficult, and when you told me what you would do here the child who has had a little did you love a woman-when I saw training in this kind of drawing will something new in life I had not seen often beat the finished draftsman

SCOTCH HISTORY EXHIBITION

Big Buildings Going Up in Glasgow for Fair to Be Held There.

Glasgow, Scotland.-The exhibition which, opened by the duke of Connaught, uncle of King George V. promises to be one of much interest both to British and American visitors. ft was at first designed on a modest scale and the surplus,, which it was hoped might be something like \$50, 000, was destined to found a chair of Scottish history in the University of Glasgow. But the project has grown and the attractive buildings now occupy the greater part of Kelingrove park in the west end of the city, where exhibitions were held in 1888 and 1901.

The most imposing building is the industrial hall. The concert hall entrance, with its lofty tower, in the Scottish baronial style of architecture,



Concert Hall Building, Glasgow.

is also a prominent object in the group. A feature is to be made of the music provided for the visitors and many of the best bands in and out of the country have been engaged. There will be an important fine art section in which Scottish art for the last 100 years, from Raeburn to the present time, will be well represented. In the historical section proper many exhibits of interest illustrative of the growth of the country in every department of life for many hundreds of years will be shown. In the industrial hall an outstanding display will be made of models of Clyde built ships from the earliest period.

In the grounds there will be an amphitheater capable of accommodating 10,000 persons. There is to be a "street of nations" and during the progress of the exhibition historical tableaux and pageants will be organized. Conferences on various sublects, historical and social, are also

projected.

GHOULS DESECRATE A TOMB

Magnificent Scott Mausoleum at Erlo. Pa., Which Was Recently Mysteriously Broken Into.

Erie, Pa.-Considerable of a sensation was recently created by the report that the magnificent mausoleum erected by the late Congressman William L. Scott was broken into and the body of one of its occupants-that of Mrs. Anna M. McCollom of Philadelphia-was stolen. Later it developed that while four of the crypts in the



The Scott Mausoleum.

mausoleum had been broken into none of the bodies was molested. The intruders had apparently committed their ghoulish crime in search of jew-

William L. Scott, who built the mausoleum over 20 years ago, was a close personal friend of former President Cleveland and was one of the leaders of the Democracy in the house of representatives when Cleveland was serving his first term as president. Grover Cleveland was one of the pallbearers at his funeral. Mr. Scott's body was the first interred in the vault. He was a prominent railroad man. The family mausoleum which he built was one of the finest in Pennsylvania and had few superiors anywhere.

Twins With Different Birthdays.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Athough they are twins, two girl bables recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Walls of Arlington, this state, will have different birth anniversaries. One was born a few minutes before midnight, while the other came into the world shortly after the beginning of the following

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His Place. "The trouble about my son is that he never knows where he is at." "Then why not get him a job with

the weaker bureau?"

Severe Critics. Alice-I like Tom immensely, and he's very much the gentleman, but he does like to talk about himself!

Grace-Yes, dear, your knight hath a thousand I's .- Puck. Plenty of Time to Fatten Up. Cheerful Old Idiot-I say, you'll excuse me, but d'you know that you are the thinnest policeman I've ever seen? Robert-Yes. I'm a new hand, and

haven't got to know the cooks yet .-London Opinion.

No Apparent Reason. Reporter-Colonel, you and I know there was money used in electing Littlebrayne, How much did it cost him? You may as well tell me, for I'm go-

ing to find out. Politician-What makes you think there was-er-bribery?

Reporter-Why, blame it, man, he was elected!

Seven Pensioners in One Family

Seven brothers and seven sisters living in Foulsham, England, and the adjacent parishes are receiving old age pensions. The oldest of the seven is eighty and the youngest seventyone. Their united ages total 530 years. Their father was Philip Lambert, a carrier between Foulsham and Norwich, who had a family of 16, all born in Foulsham and of whom 11 are now alive.

EDITOR BROWNE Of The Rockford Morning Star.

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