CHAPTER VII. To Clarice she vowed a redoubled de- her before now.' votion. Ah! if any care of hers might help her towards recovery, so that when her lover returned from his Indian campaign she might be well enough to marry! Only in helping to bring that marriage to a successful issue could she hope to efface the last miserable half-hour. She would try, too, and talk to Doctor Drake some day by herself, and ask if any possible change of treatment might hasten Clarice's recovery. The very thought brought comfort and hope with it.

Having decided her course of action, she proceeded to put it into practice; smoothed her hair, and tried to wash the traces of tears from her face. Then she sat down and wrote a few lines to her brother, declining to lend him the money, and giving him her reasons for the refusal. After that she went to garded her attentively. There was no Clarice's room, who, happily, she found | doubt of the sincerity of the speaker. alone.

"I thought you were never coming!" said Clarice fretfully. "Come and sit | bright and cheerful; and if, by wholeclose by me where I can see you. I to-day. Why, what is the matter with of real service." you, dear? You look as if you needed soothing yourself. You have been crying, and I thought you were a woman who could not cry."

Janetta gave rather a watery smile. "You were wrong, you see. I have been in trouble about several things, and I could not see my way clear; but I see it now. I shan't cry any more, I promise you." And Janetta threw back her head with something of her usual frank | ing." reliance.

Clarice glanced at her wistfully. but if it were a case where money would help-

With quick alertness Janetta bent down and kissed one of Clarice's tiny, helpless hands.

"Ah! how good and dear you are; almost glad not to have it, because I

"Not my hands, my face," said kissed her on the forehead, oppressed she looked after Janetta's retreating with a sense of her own unworthiness. figure.

The day passed like a dream. She saw Captain Merivale only at meals, for he and Clarice spent the evening brighten Clarice's life.

Mrs. Mortimer standing alone in the in the middle of the night?" packing of his luggage into the carfor Janetta.

"Miss Howard desired me to bid you good-by for her," said Mrs. Mortimer, answering his glance. "She went into the town for senething."

"Oh, thank you. Tell her I was sorry not to see her. You and she will look after Clarice for me whilst I'm away,

won't you?" The next instant he was gone. Janetta, meanwhile, sought shelter in a little cove by the seashore, and sat

with her back against the cliff, and her tearless eyes gazing out seawards. Her teeth were clenched in the effort to keep back the sobs that rose in her throat. She would gladly have uprooted this strange love that had grown up in her heart, but she could

"He's gone now," she said, pulling out her watch and looking at it. "It can neither hurt him nor me, for he see nobody." does not know it; and God knows I

me-that he and Clarice should marry." It chanced that on her way home have passed her by with a bow, but

she came to a stop. "There is something I wanted to talk | hour could bode no good. to you about. Could you spare me a

minute? "Certainly," he said, with a slight surprise.

"I never get the chance of a word alone with you. Will you forgive me be done to hasten Miss Seymour's re-

covery?" Doctor Drake's fair face flushed. "It is a question that is often before me. Do you think her worse?" he asked

anxiously. "She is out of spirits, and losing hope."

"Of what?" inquired the Doctor impatiently. "Of recovery or what?" "Of everything that makes her life worth living. Until she is better she

will not marry.' "Or Captain Merivale will not marry her!" broke out the Doctor, "Which frankly to me, Miss Howard, and I can but answer you in the same spirit. No specialist can do anything for Miss Seymour. I will tell you briefly my opinion, which is backed by other men

was thrown from her horse she severe-

ly strained the nerves of the spine. "As far as we can discover, the injury is entirely overcome; but her whole nervous system is shattered, brain. When that recovers its tone she will be well. It lies much with herself and | tell me that?" said Janetta with a sob those about her. That is why I ad- of pain. "What am I to do for you, about her own age. I've known similar cases. Sometimes a sudden necessity for exertion will cure a patient, or a great happiness. If I had been Captain Merivale I should have tried sit down, and he leaned his back Popular Science Monthly.

the happiness-I should have married

Janetta gave him a quick look of sympathy.

"You think it might have cured her?" "I should have tried it," replied the

Doctor quietly. "But if it hadn't, how miserable she

would have been. "It would be the fault of her husband if she were so," replied the Doctor,

with rather an odd little smile. "Poor fellow!" thought Janetta, "he cares for her himself. What a strong, tender nature he has hidden behind that cold manner."

"Then I can do nothing," she said aloud, "and I wish to do so much! I would do anything that lay in my power to help make her well." For the first time Doctor Drake re-

"You can do much," he said kindly. "Help her to forget herself, keep her

some contradiction, you could trick her need your soothing presence so badly into doing a little more, you would be They both laughed, for Clarice's waywardness was apparent to every one that came into contact with her; and

Janetta remembered how often she had come down stairs, or went out for a drive, in opposition to the expressed wish of the Doctor. · "I am glad you spoke to me," he said, holding out his hand. "I feel as

if we had come to a better understand-

His last sentence was overheard by Mrs. Mortimer, who advanced with cat-'You are reserved and proud, Janetta; like tread down the street. She did not stop, only bowed to the pair who seemed absorbed in such earnest conversation, with a rather meaning smile. and passed over to the other side of

the street. "The chit! the deceitful chit! So that but it is not a case of money. I am is the business that took her out in such a hurry this morning! She is might do harm instead of good with determined to have more than one string to her bow. I wonder what the better understanding may be?" said Clarice simply. And Janetta bent and Mrs. Mortimer under her breath, as

> After that conversation with the Doctor, Janetta redoubled her efforts to

"I feel your wings about me night The next day, when he came down and day," said Clarice, smiling at her. after bidding her good-by, he found "Didn't I hear you creep into my room

hall, giving her last directions for the "Yes," Janetta confessed. "I thought I heard you move, and that I might riage. He looked searchingly about put you off to sleep again by reading aloud."

> "Do you sleep with your door open, then?" asked Clarice. Janetta laughed and nodded.

"I like to be close at hand if you

want me." "But how can I repay devotion like yours? You will stay with me always, Janetta?"

"Until you marry, if you wish it." "And when will that be, I wonder?" said Clarice, with a quick sigh. "When Captain Merivale comes

home again," Janetta replied. "It's just that decided way of yours

that keeps hope alive." They were siting in the drawing room after dinner. Mrs. Mortimer had gone up stairs to write letters. A violent ring at the bell made the girls look at each other in quick surprise. "A caller at this time in the even-

can't be wrong to go on loving him ing?" said Clarice. "Just tell Mason when I shall never see him again. It that unless it is Doctor Drake I can

There was only time to issue the have but one great wish in life left to order before Mason reached the door, and then a man's voice was heard speaking in the hall, thick, hesitating, she came across Doctor Drake walking argumentative, and Janetta's heart quickly down the street. He would stood still. The voice was Neville's, Every vestige of color went from her face. A visit from Neville at this

"I think it is some one asking for me," she said, trying to steady her voice. "Will you excuse me for a mo-

ment? Without waiting for an answer, she went quickly into the hall; and there if I ask if there is nothing that could stdod Neville, with a foolish smile on his face, trying to explain to Mason he peeked through the transit. Then that it was Miss Howard, not Miss Seymour, he wished to speak to.

"Neville, come this way!" said Janetta sharply, putting a hand on his arm to steady his steps, for at the first glance it was evident that the boy had had more than enough to drink. Mason followed them into the study, where Janetta took her brother, stirred the fire, and turned up the gas with slow deliberation; and Janetta was conscious through every fiber of her being that the parlor maid knew her brother's condition as well as she did, is it, do you think? You are speaking and she smarted under the humiliation

and disgrace. "That will do, thank you, Mason," she said, closing the door behind the maid. "Neville, what has brought you here at this hour and-" Her tongue in my profession. When Miss Seymour | refused to finish the sentence.

"Got-the-sack," answered Neville, sulkily, defiant, bringing out each word with elaborate care, to prove that he had complete mastery of tongue and

"How can you come and see me and vised cheerful companionship of a girl | when you will do nothing for your-

CHAPTER VIII.

She had not asked her brother to ment of agriculture contributes to the

against the mantel shelf; while she paced up and down the room in extreme agitation.

"Got such a good berth yourself, I thought-" The thought was too far back in the recesses of Neville's muddled brain for him to bring it to light.

"That I could ask Miss Seymour to take you in as well as myself," said Janetta bitterly. "You must go, Neville. I can't stop and talk to you tonight. You are not fit to talk to."

"Go where?" asked Neville, with dazed eyes. "I thought you'd never be the one to turn me out!"

"Oh, what can I do?" cried Janetta. And then came the remembrance of Doctor Drake's strong, kind face. He would help her if he knew in what sore trouble she was, "Look here, Neville," she said, trying not to let him see how she shrank from him. "I have one friend in this place, who I believe, if I sent him a note by you, will take you in for the night. To-morrow I will see you and think what can be done." She was scribbling swiftly as she

spoke: "Dear Doctor Drake: I am in sore trouble. The bearer of this note is my brother-my only living relation-and he is as you see him. I cannot send him to any lodging or hotel to-night. I send him to you, because you are a bachelor, and will understand what it is to me, his sister, for him to call upon me like this. Will you of your great goodness take him in for this one night and hide his shame, and tomorrow I will see him and settle what he must do. Yours gratefully.

"Janetta Howard." She folded and directed the letter, putting it into Neville's nerveless hand. "This man will give you a bed for to-night. It is not far to go-down the hill. When you get outside turn to the right, and about a hundred yards down the street there is a gate with a brass plate on it. That is Doctor Drake's house."

Almost before he knew what his sister was doing, Janetta had led Neville to the door, reiterating her directions in soft, low tones.

She went back to the drawing room, determined to tell Clarice the story; but her intention was checked by the presence of Mrs. Mortimer, who stood by Clarice's sofa, pouring out an eager torrent of accusation. Clarice had raised herself to a sitting posture, and listened with flushed cheeks and shining eyes, and with rather a scornful amile.

"I'm glad you've come back, Janetta. Mrs. Mortimer has been amusing me with really wonderful stories, which she seems to have gathered from her own and Mason's personal observation.'

"If the amusing stories you refer to are about myself, I shall be glad to hear them," said Janetta, standing before Clarice, with a burning red spot on either cheek. She would not even look at her accuser.

"First item: A drunken lover is supposed to have just come to see you." "He is not my lover. Later on, I shall be glad to tell you who he is; but not in the presence of a third per-

son." "Does that mean, Miss Howard, that you wish to explain your rather extraordinary conduct to Miss Seymour alone?" inquired Mrs. Mortimer acidly. "It does," replied Janetta, with one fearless glance. "That explanation is

necessary to her, but unnecessary to

you." "I think perhaps you had better leave us," said Clarice. As the door closed behind her. Clarice stretched out her hands to Janetta with quick entreaty. "Oh, Janetta, what a brute you must think me to question anything you do! But she has hinted at

such awful things! I only wait for

your word to declare everything untrue, and I shall believe you." (To be continued.)

Detective Spy-Glass on Stilts.

Chief Wilkie of the secret service has discovered a new use for a well known instrument of civil engineering, the transit, which is a sort of spyglass on stilts. While a government employe was at work on the new federal building in San Francisco he noticed that a man was bringing something small to a window frequently in building about 200 yards away. Bringing a transit into play the observer convinced himself that the man was at work on bogus money. A secret service detective was summoned and he went over and arrested the man for counterfeiting, making what Chief Wilkle regards as a most important capture.

Leith Building Great Docks.

Leith, Scotland, will become a port of some capacity and trade two years hence. A suite of docks is in construction there, which is to cost between 300,000 pounds and 400,000 pounds more than was estimated when the Leith dock commissioners launched their program. In 1896 seventy-five acres of the foreshore were reclaimed: and the dock now near completion is 1,900 feet long, with a width of 550 feet for 1,100 feet of its length and 280 feet for the remainder. The dock walls are forty-four feet high, and there are to be two pairs of steel gates. each weighing close upon 300 tons. To this equipment it has been resolved to add a graving dock 500 feet long.

Tiles Convey Typhold.

Together with the theory that realaria is transmitted by mosquitoes, the theory that flies convey typhoid germs is of particular laterest, and this is the subject of an article which Dr. L. O. Howard of the United States depart-

HERALDED AS THE KING

Proclamation of Edward's Ascension Made With Stately Show in London,

CEREMONIES BEFITTING OCCASION

Thousands of Soldiers, Life Guards and Horse Guards Add to Spectacle-The New Monarch Abserts Himself from the Pageantry Done in His Honor,

LONDON, Jan. 25.-London today was given a glimpse of mediaeval times. The quaint ceremonies with which King Edward VII was proclaimed at various points of the metropolis exactly followed ancient precedents. The officials purposely arranged the function an hour ahead of the published announcement, and the inhabitants, when they awoke, were surprised to find the entire way between St. James palace and the city lined with troops. About 10,000 soldiers, Life guards, Horse guards, Foot guards and cavalry and infantry regiments had been brought from Alder shot and London barracks after midnight. All the officers had crepe on their arms and the drums and brass instruments were shrouded with crepe. The troops themselves made an imposing spectacle, but they were entirely eclipsed by the strange spectacle presented by the officials of the College of Arms.

The ceremony began at St. James palace, where, at 9 o'clock, Edward VII was proclaimed king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and emperor of India. The proclamation, which was read by William Henry Welden, king-at-arms since 1894, and formerly Windsor herald,

was as follows: Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to call to His mercy our late sovereign, Queen Victoria, of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the imperial crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland is solely and rightfully come to the high and mighty Prince Albert Edward, we, therefore, the lords, spiritual and temporal, of this realm, being here assisted with those of her late majesty's privy council with numbers of other principal gentlemen of quality, the lord mayor, aldermen and citizens of London, do now hereby, with one voice, conseat of tongue and heart to publish and proclaim that the high and mighty Prince Albert Edward is now, by the death of our late sovereign of happy memory, become our only lawful and rightful leige lord, Edward VII, by the grace of God, king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, defender of the faith, emperor of India, to whom we acknowledge all faith and constant obedience with all hearty and humble affection, be-

seeching Gcd, by whom all kings and

queens do reign, to bless the royal

Prince Edward VII with long and happy years to reign over us." The king was not present. There was a large assemblage of officials and heralds. Among those in attendence were General Roberts and members of his headquarters' staff and formerly Windsor Herald. There was a great concourse of people from the commencement to the close. The proclamation was greeted by a fanfare of trumpets. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the band belonging to the Foot guards in the friary court played "God Save the King." The members of the king's household witnessed the ceremony from Marlborough house. On the balcony overlooking the friary court, whence the proclamation was read, were the duke of Norfolk and other officers of state. The balcony was draped in crimson cloth. Beside the officials, in resplendent uniforms, were stationed the state trumpeters. Here were seen many prominent persons, among them Sir Henry Arthur White, private solicitor to the queen, the prince of Wales and other members of the roy-

al family. In the yard of Marlborough house and friary court were stationed a large body of police, soldiers and Foot guards. The Foot guards acted as a guard of honor and they were posted immediately beneath the balcony. A large crowd witnessed the ceremony.

Hides of Beeves for Indians. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.-The senate committe having consideration of the Indian bill agreed to an amendment giving the hides of beeves to Indians. This seems to have been a great bone of contention between the government and the Indians for a long while, the government insisting that the hide and tail went together and that the "fifth quarter," as the hide had been called, belonged to the government. Senator Kyle combatted this idea and got the amendment inserted giving the hide to the Indians.

Date Fixed for Funeral.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Jan. 25 .-It has been decided that the funeral of the queen will take place at Windsor castle, February 2. The body of the late queen will be removed from Osborne house February 1. It was the expressed desire of the queen that the funeral should be military in character. Several officials arrived from Windsor this morning, bringing the estate regalia. The coffia of Queen Victoria will be of English cak, line ! with satin.

Alleged Railroad Wreckers Released. KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 26.-Two men, Alexander and Jeffery, who have been in the city jail on the charge of attempting to wreck Union Pacific passenger train No. 3, were released by order of the rallroad detective. No testimony could be found to keep them in jail. Collison, the man who did the heroic thing by warning the officials and preventing the alleged attempted wreck, was examined last night and told an entirely different story from his first narrative, Turkey,

FILIPINOS ASK FOR A DELAY

Reca Estate Owners Wish to Be Exempt from Taxation.

MANILA, Jan. 25.-The hearing on the municipal government bill today developed an attempt on the part of prominent Filipinos to secure a delay of two years before taxing land where the owners are unable to cultivate on account of the dangerous situation in the fighting territory. The bill originally deferred taxation for a year.

commissioners adopted an amendment providing that land owners who are not implicated in the insurrection after March and prove that the unsettled conditions prevented working land be exempted for the

second year. Lieutenant Steele, with ten men of the Forty-third regiment and seven native soldiers, fought a fierce half hour's engagement with a large force of Filipinos at Tenaguna, island of Leyte, January 9, which resulted in the killing of over 100 insurgents. Private Edward McGugie of Company M was killed.

been quiet. Lukban's forces are hid-Captures arrests and seizures of arms continue in the unpacified dis-

The situation in the island of Sa-

mar since the increase of troops has

HEIRESS IN NEBRASKA.

tricts of the island of Luzon.

Leaves Her Husband in Omaha and Goes to Rushville.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Relatives of Mrs. Schindler-Siebert look to Nebraska to clear up the mystery of her disappearance. She was one of the prettiest girls in Hoboken society and a favorite daughter of the wealthy Dr. Schindler, Several weeks ago she suddenly disappeared. Police aid was invoked without success. Her father was much troubled over the matter and died last week. In his will he left her \$40,000.

John Schindler, her brother, has just succeeded in tracing her. He found she had gone with William Siebert of New York, who also has money. The two were married and went to Omaha. There they quarreled and separated. The groom went to Mussels Hill, Mont., and the bride to Rushville, Neb., where she is now. Mr. Schindler today received a letter from Siebert detailing some of the

facts. Schindler says: "We are all wondering why my sister does not communicate with us. She surely must know by this time that father is dead and that she is his heiress. My brother-in-law wants some of the money and refuses to interfere with his wife's actions."

VENEZUELA IS SURPRISED.

Cannot Understand Why United States Should Interfere.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.-The steamer Caracas, which arrived in this country Tuesday from La Guayra, brought official communications from Dr. E. Blanco, the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, to Charge Pu-

They make strong representations as to the strict neutrality which the Venezuelan government has observed throughout the asphalt controversy, which is set forth as an issue between the rival companies themselves, and not one involving the government. Surprise is expressed at the threatening attitude of the United States.

Ban Put on Countess' Book. BERLIN, Jan. 24.—The Berlin courts have rendered an adverse decision the divorced Countess Von Wedel-Berard, whose book, entitlded 'My Relations with His Majesty, Emperor William II; Revelations About the Regicide in Italy, and the Dreyfus Affair in the Light of Truth," made a great sensation last year. The decision is that the book shall be confiscated and the plates destroyed. The whereabouts of the countess are unknown.

Tien Teln as Military Base.

TIEN TSIN, Jan, 25 .- Preparations are being made in Tien Tsin to make it a military base for the coming spring and summer, when it is believed a majority of the troops in Pekin will encamp in this neighborhood, preparatory to gradual embarkation Great quantities of ice are being atored and options are being obtained upon a majority of the large buildings in the foreign concessions.

Condolences from Senate. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.-In

the senate this afternoon Mr. Allison offered the following resolution: "That the death of her royal and imperial majetsy, Victoria, of noble

deplored by the senate of the United States of America." The resolution was adapted unan-

virtues and great renown, is sincerely

Boers Show Sympathy.

PRETORIA, Jan. 25.-Signs of sorrow over the death of the queen are everywhere visible. Even the burghers show a respectful sympathy. It has been suggested by influential burghers an amnesty proposal would have the effect of greatly hastening the return of peace.

Has Nothing from Conger.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The State department has had no recent advices from Minister Conger, so it has no knowledge of the latest phases of the negotiations at Pekin, as reported in the press dispatches,

Turkey Sorrows Over Queen's Death. CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 25 .- The ultan, who is much affected by the death of Queen Victoria, has wired King Edward VII expressions of sympathy at his loss and felicitations on ris accession.

Signs of mourning are general here. The heads of the various faiths have relegraphed condolences to the archolshop of Canterbury, notably the Armenian patriarch, who wired that the Queen's name was immortalized. The newspapers deplore her majesty's death as that of a sincere friend of

FAVORS A SHIP SUBSIDY

Depew Supports His Views in Characteristically Brilliant Fashion.

THE FLOOR AND GALLERY APPLAUD

An Appeal for the Upbuilding of American Merchant Marine-Discussion of the Problems of Transportation In-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 .- Senator Depew of New York today delivered in the senate a characteristically forcible and eloquent address in support of the shipping bill. The address, which occupied just an hour, was in the nature of an appeal for the upbuilding of the American merchant marine by the granting of subsidies, as provided for in the pending measure. His discussion of the problems of transportation which now confront American manufacturers and American farmers was notably interesting and effective. The peroration in which he urged that the American flag be restored to the mastheads of the freight-carrying ships of the United States was a brilliant piece of oratory and elicited cordial applause from the senators on the floor and the crowds in the galleries. Little progress was made with the Indian appropriation bill. The last hour of the senate day was consumed in the passage of private pension bills.

Senator Depew began with a survey of the country's first century or development, pointing out the immense material progress that had been made in agriculture and manufactures, how our exports had grown to \$1,500,000,000 annually in excess of our imports and how the internal lines of communication had developed into the most comprehensive in the world. But he insisted that the development of the country had been one-sided. While prepared to feed and clothe half of the world outside of the United States, we had developed our transportation system only to our own coast line and had allowed our merchant marine to remain undeveloped, so that there was actually a greater tonnage of American vessels built in this country for the foreign trade in

1807 than in 1900. Said Mr. Depew: "The farm, the factory and the mine have filled the warehouses and docks of our Atlantic and Pacific coasts with their contributions to national wealth, employment and the happiness of our people, and left their transportation to Europe, to Asia, to Africa, to South America and to Australia, to the greed of foreign ship owners, to the protection of foreign flags and to the hazards of for-

eign wars. "A general collision, which is often predicted in the European newspapers, among the great powers of Europe, in the mad haste of their navies and armies to outstrip each other in the acquisition of spheres of influence in Asia and Africa, would act upon the United States, who might be simply a spectator of the conflict. as an embargo upon our coast. We would be shut up with ourselves as absolutely as if the navtes of the

world were blockading our ports." Looking to the remedy for the present stagnation in the American merchant marine, Mr. Depew said the cry of "free ships" had long ago been discounted. It was not to be considered as a remedy, for it left out of the question the development of an American shipbuilding industry. The plan of discriminating duties, he said. was also impracticable. France had tried it and been forced to repeal its law within a year. No nation would submit to discriminating duties without retaliating against us, and no nation like outs, which is more of a seller than a buyer, can afford to provoke such retaliation and thus stimulate production in Russia, India, Egypt, against our cotton and our corn. The speaker's conclusion was that there remained only the subsidy as a practical solution of the problem.

MAY CALL EXTRA SESSION.

Message of President Sets the Senators to Speculat'ny.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-The brief recommendation in the message of the president sent to the senate today, urging immediate legislation in the interest of the Philippines, caused general surprise among the senators and speculation on the probability of an extra session of congress immediately after March 3.

Senators generally have received. they say, no intimation from the White House that an extra session would be desirable, but they unite in saving no Philippine legislation is possible during the remainder of the

present term The Spooner bill, vesting all power of the government in the Philippines archipelago in the president, is the only Philippines general bill. It is believed that whenever an earnest effort is made to secure legislation bearing on this subject much time will be required. Some senators also express the opinion that legislation may be necessary in the Cuban situation, and while there are differences of opinion, all agree that if such action would become necessary it would be impossible to secure it at this session.

The Pure Food Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-Strong efforts are making to induce Speaker Henderson to fix an early date for the consideration of the Brosius pure food bill. The measure has attracted widespread interest among grocers, druggists, etc. It aims to prevent adulteration of food and drugs. Some opposition has developed among dealers in certain lines, but it is understood amendments will be accepted which it is claimed will remove these objec-