

SYNOPSIS.

The story is fold by Nicholas Trist, His bhief, Senator John Calhoun, offored the portfolio of scretary of state in Tyler's mabinet, is fold by Dr. Ward that his time portfolio of secretary of state in Tyler's tablinet, is told by Dr. Ward that his time is short. Calhoun declares that he is not rendy to die, and if he accepts Tyler's of-fer it means that Texns and Oregon must he added to the Union. He plans to learn the intentions of England with regard to Mexico through Baroness Von Ritz, secret spy and reputed mistress of the English ambassador, Fakenham. Nicholns is sent to bring the baroness to Calhoun's apart-ments and misses a meeting with his sweetheart. Elizabeth Churchill, While sweetheart, Elizabeth Churchill, While searching for the baroness is invited to enter. The occupant is the baroness, who hays she is being pursued. The pursuers are shaken off. Nicholas is invited into the house and delivers Calhoun's message. He notes that the baroness has lost a slipper. Nicholas is given the remaining slipper as a pledge that she will tell Cal-houn everything. He gives her as socur-ty an Indian trinket be intended for Elizabeth.

## CHAPTER VI .- Continued.

"After that, on guard!"

"Very well, on guard! Suppose I do not like this other woman?"

'Madam, you could not help it. All

the world loves her."

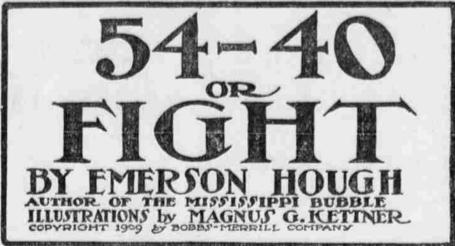
"Do you?" "With my life."

"How devoted! Very well, on guard, then!"

She took up the Indian bauble, turning to examine it at the nearest canthe pocket of my coat. I was uncomfortable. I wished this talk of Elizabeth had not come up. I liked very little to leave Elizabeth's property in another's hands. Dissatisfied, I turned from the table, not noticing for more than an instant a little crumpled roll of paper which, as I was vaguely conscious, now appeared on its smooth marquetry top.

"But see," she said; "you are just like a man, after all, and an unmarried man at that! I cannot go through the streets in this costume. Excuse me for a moment."

She was off on the instant into the alcove where the great amber-covered bed stood. She drew the curtains. I heard her humming to herself as she passed to and fro, saw the flare of a light as it rose beyond. Once or twice she thrust a laughing face between the curtains, held tight together with her hands, as she asked me some question, mocking me, still amused-



be hypocrisy! Thus, to-night Sir Rich- some mention. My father's planta- able, or wholly warm and impulsive, ard of England forgets his place, his tion was one of the old ones in Mary- I, long as I had known and loved her, protestations. He does not even land. That of the Churchills lay never was quite sure. Something know that Mexico has forgotten its across a low range of mountains and held me away, something called me duty also. Sir, you were not at our in another county from us, but our forward; so that I was always baflittle ball, so you could not see that families had long been friends. I had fled, and yet always eager, God wot. very fat Sir Richard paying his bored known Elizabeth from the time she I suppose this is the way of women. devoirs to Dona Lucrezia! So I am was a tall, slim girl, boon companion At times I have been impatient with left alone, and would be bored, but ever to her father, old Daniel it, knowing my own mind well enough. for you. In return-a slight jest on Churchill; for her mother she had lost At least now, in my tight-strapped Sir Richard to-night-I will teach him when she was still young. The Churchthat no fat gentleman should pay even ills maintained a city establishment in my deep embroidered waistcoat and bored attention to a lady who soon the environs of Washington itself, al- my high stock, my shining boots and will be fat, when his obvious duty though that was not much removed my tall beaver, I made my way on my should call him otherwise! Bah! 'tis from their plantation in the old state well-groomed horse up to the gates as though 1 myself were fat; which is of Maryland. Elmhurst, this Wash- of old Elmhurst; and as I rode 1 pon-

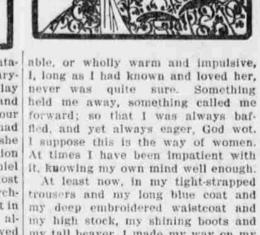
"You go too deep for me, madam," admirably things were shaping for us all. A woman's jealousy was with us, through the house and appear beand so a woman's whim! "Madam," said I, my hand at the

fastening of the door, "we have exchanged pledges. Now we exchange places. It is you who are the messenger, not myself. There is a mes- night, Elmhurst, home of Elizabeth, was my immediate Mecca. sage in your hands. I know not whether you ever served a monarchy. Come, you shall see that our republic in the fashion of my time, and flathas neither secrets nor hypocrisies." tered myself, as I looked in my little

not true.'

On the instant she was not shrewd mirror, that I made none such bad and tactful woman of the world, not figure of a man. I was tall enough, dle sconce, even as I thrust the dainty student, but once more coquette and and straight, thin with long hours

I had clad myself as well as I could



ington estate was called, and it was dered and I dreamed. well known there, with its straight But Miss Elizabeth was not at home I said. "I am but a simple messen- road approaching and its great trees it seemed. Her father, Mr. Daniel ger." At the same time, I saw how and its wide-doored halls-whereby Churchill, rather portly, and now just the road itself seemed to run straight a trifle red of face, met me instead. It was not an encounter for which I deyond-and its tall white pillars and youtly wished, but one which I knew hospitable galleries, now in the spring- it was the right of both of us to extime inclosed in green. I need not pect ere long. Seeing the occasion state that now, having finished the propitious I plunged at once in medias business of the day, or, rather, of the res. Part of the time explanatory. again apologetic, and yet again, I trust, assertive, although always blun-

dering and red and awkward, I told the father of my intended, of my own wishes, my prospects and my plans. He listened to me gravely and, it seemed to me, with none of that enthusiasm which I would have welcomed. As to my family, he knew enough. As to my prospects, he questioned me. My record was not unfamiliar to him. So, gaining confidence at last under the insistence of what I knew were worthy motives, and which certainly were irresistible of themselves, so far as I was concerned, I asked him if we might not soon make an end of this, and, taking chances as they were, allow my wedding with "Elizabeth to take place at no very distant date.

know what my girl will say," went on day she feels much in debt to Cuti-Mr. Daniel Churchill, pursing up his cura Soap and Ointment for the fine lips.

"Oh, of course-that," I answered; 'Miss Elizabeth and I-"

"The skeesicks!" he exclaimed. thought she told me everything."

## PERFUME FAVORED BY QUEENS

And MALIN. LINES AND A

Royal Family of England Remain Faithful to "Ess Bouquet"-Czarina is Fond of White Violet.

Queen Mary is not a lover of perfume. She uses eau de cologne occasionally, but avoids scents as much as possible. A west end chemist told the writer recently that neither is Queen Alexandra very fond of perfumes, although she remains faithful to the "Ess Bouquet," which has been in use by the royal family of England since 1822. This perfume is composed of amber mixed with the essences of roses, violets, jasmine, orange flowers and lavender.

essence of roses, violets, jasmine, On the other hand the Czarina Is passionately fond of perfume. Her apartments in the royal palace are daily sprayed with essences of lilac, jasmine, and white violet. Her Majesty's favorite essence is violet, and for several weeks in the early spring hundreds of women and girls may be seen at Grasse gathering the blossoms from which the Czarina's perfume is made. The finished product is tested, bottle by bottle, at the St. Petersburg Academy of Chemistry before being sent to the imperial store.

The Queen Mother of Spain uses as permume eau d'espagne, manufactured in Madrid, and also obtains a perfume for her toilet from Parls. Its composition is a secret which the perfume eau d'espagne, manufactured made," he says, "of rosewater, cocoanut oil, and-the rest is a mystery."

The young Queen of Holland is a great believer in the virtues of eau de cologne; while "Carmen Sylvia," Queen of Roumania, uses a special perfume made from the finest herbs, which she says "is the best tonic for he skin she has yet discovered."

## SAVED OLD LADY'S HAIR

"My mother used to have a very bad humor on her head which the doctors called an eczema, and for it I had two different doctors. Her head was very sore and her hair nearly all fell out in spite of what they both did. One day her niece came in and they were speaking of how her hair was falling out and the doctors did it no good. She says, 'Aunt, why don't you try Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment?' Mother did and they helped her. In six months' time the itching, burning and scalding of her head was "Why as to that, of course I do not over and her hair began growing. Tohead of hair she has for an old lady of seventy-four.

"My own case was an eczema in my feet. As soon as the cold weather came my feet would itch and burn and "I think Miss Elizabeth tells no one then they would crack open and bleed. quite everything," I ventured. "I con- Then I thought I would flee to my a bad complexion, pimples on my face, fess she has kept me almost as much mother's friends, Cuticura Soap and and my food was not digested as it should in the dark as yourself, sir. But I Cuticura Ointment. I did for four or have been. Now I am entirely well, and

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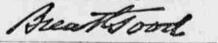
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yet still, as I thought, more enigmatic than before.

"Madam," I said at last, "I would I might dwell here forever, but-you are slow! The night passes. Come. My master will be waiting. He is ill; I fear he cannot sleep. I know how intent he is on meeting you. I beg you to oblige an old, dying man!"

"And you, monsieur," she mocked at me from beyond the curtain, "are intent only on getting rid of me. Are you not adventurer enough to forget that other woman for one night?"

At last she came out from between the curtains, garbed more suitably for the errand which was now before us. A long, dark cloak covered her shoulders. On her head there rested a dainty upflared bonnet, whose jetted edges shone in the candle light as she moved toward me. She was exquisite in every detail, beautiful as mind of man could wish; that much was sure, must be admitted by any man. I dared not look at her.

She paused for an instant, drawing on a pair of the short gloves of the mode then correct. "Do you know why I am to go on this heathen errand?" she demanded. I shook my head.

"Mr. Calhoun wishes to know whether he shall go to the cabinet of your call your White House. I suppose Mr. glove. Calhoun wishes to know how he can serve Mr. Tyler?"

I laughed at this. "Serve him!" exclaimed. "Rather say lead him, tell been different than I was had I not tom had she generally been known as him, command him!"

"Yes," she nodded. I began to see another and graver side of her nature, "Yes, it is of course Texas."

I did not see fit to make answer to this.

"If your master, as you call him, "Is not that true?"

Still I would not answer. "Come!" I said.

"And he asks me to come to him so that he may decide-"

This awoke me. "No man decides for John Calhoun, madam," I said. "You may advance facts, but he will decide." Still she went on.

"And Texas not annexed is a menace. Without her, you heathen people Proverb. would not present a solid front, would you?"

"Madam has had much to do with affairs of state," I said.

She went on as though I had not spoken:

nouthery section, England would have Helena von Ritz, in the arrangement all the greater chance. England, you of which I played the part above deknow, says she wishes slavery abol- scribed. I was not at that time priviished. She says that-"

"England says many things!" I ventured.

flashed out this singular woman at me Elizabeth Churchill. suddenly. "As though diplomacy need Of these matters I need to make

"Is That My Only Reward?" She Asked.

with mockery and invitation alike in good color, and if health did not show her great dark eyes, even as I threw on my face, at least 1 felt it myself in down the chain at the door and the lightness of my step, in the conopened it wide for her to pass. "Is that my only reward?" she life, in my general assurance that all man Tyler over there in that barn you asked, smiling as she fumbled at a in the world meant well toward me them together! I was quite confident and that everything in the world

In reply, I bent and kissed the finwould do well by me. gers of her ungloved hand. They As to Elizabeth Churchill, it might were so warm and tender that I had have been in line with a Maryland cus-

felt the blood tingle in all my body Betty; but Betty she never was called, in the impulse of the moment to do although that diminutive was applied more than kiss her fingers.

Had I done so-had I not thought of as she, after whom she had been Elizabeth-then, as in my heart I still named. Betty implies a snub nose; believe, the flag of England to-day Elizabeth's was clean cut and straight. would rule Oregon and the Pacific; Betty runs for a saucer mouth and a takes the portfolio with Tyler, it is to and it would float to-day along the short one; Elizabeth's was red and annex Texas," she repeated sharply. Rio Grande; and it would menace a curved, but firm and wide enough for divided north and south, instead of restrength and charity as well. Betty specting a strong and indivisible Union spells round eyes, with brows arched which owns one flag and dreads none above them as though in query and in the world,

CHAPTER VII.

## Regarding Elizabeth.

Without woman the two extremitles of his life would be destitute of succor and the middle would be devoid of pleasure .-

gay, and free from care; on the other In some forgetten garret of this hand, it was to be said of Elizabeth country, as I do not doubt, yellowed that she was logical beyond her kind with age, stained and undistinguishable, lost among uncared-for relics of another day, there may be records of that interview between two strange "And if you were divided in your personalities, John Calhoun and renity, consideration and charity. leged to have much more than a guess at the nature of the interview. Indeed, other things now occupied my

her consent to an early day, you would ham, Hiram, Me., Sept. 30, 1909." not waive any objections on your own part and allow the matter to go for-

ward as soon as possible?" In answer to this he arose from his chair and stood looking out of the window, his back turned to me. I could not call his reception of my suggestion enthusiastic; but at last he turned.

"I presume that our two families might send you young people a sack of meal or a side of bacon now and then, as far as that is concerned," he said.

I could not call this speech joyous. "There are said to be risks in any union, sir," I ventured to say. "I admit I do not follow you in contemplating any risk whatever. If either you or your daughter doubts my loyalty or affection, then I should say certainly it were wise to end all this; but-' and I fancied I straightened perceptibly-"I think that might perhaps be left to Miss Elizabeth herself."

After all, Mr. Dan Churchill was obliged to yield, as fathers have been obliged from the beginning of the world. At last he told me I might take my fate in my own hands and tentedness of my heart with all of go my way.

Trust the instinct of lovers to bring that at that hour I should find Elizabeth and her aunt in the big east room at the president's reception, the former looking on with her uncompromising eyes at the little pageant which on reception days regularly went forward there.

My conclusion was correct. I found to her aunt, Jennings, twice as large boy to hold my horse in front of Gautier's cafe. Then I hastened off across the intervening blocks and through the grounds of the White House, in which presently, having edged through the throng in the antechambers, 1 found myself in that inane procession of individuals who passed by in order, each to receive the limp handshake, the mechanical bow and curiosity; the eyes of Elizabeth were long, her brows long and straight and the perfunctory smile of President Tyler-rather a tall, slender-limbed, delicately fine. A Betty might even active man and of very decent preshave red hair; Elizabeth's was brown ence, although his thin, shrunken in most lights, and so liquid smooth cheeks and his cold blue-gray eye that almost I was disposed to call it left little quality of magnetism in his dense rather than thick. Betty would seem to indicate a nature impulsive, personality,

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

#### Over-Zealous in Care.

Some years ago the captain of one -a trait which she got from her of his majesty's ships, while in quarmother, a daughter of old Judge Henry antine at Auckland, New Zealand, ow-Gooch of our superior court. Yet, ing to one slight case of fever, redisposed as she always was to be ceived some valuable carrier pigeons. logical in her conclusions, the great He gave his colored servant strict or characteristic of Elizabeth was seders to take great care of them. A few days afterward the captain, wisb-With all this, there appeared someing to make use of the birds, inquired times at the surface of Elizabeth's naof his servant if he had taken care of ture that fire and lightness and impul- them. "Oh, yes," replied he; "me "The hypocrite of the nations!" mind. I was very much in love with siveness which she got from her fa- hab taken berry great care of dem. ther, Mr. Daniel Churchill. Whether Dey no fly away, 'cause I hab clipped she was wholly reserved and reason- dere wings!"

seen her to-day, and if I should gain smooth as any one's. Ellsworth Dun-

## Tribute to Painter's Skill.

One of the still life paintings by Jan van Huysen in the museum at The Hague was recently injured, but it is believed the perpetrator was neither vandal nor thief.

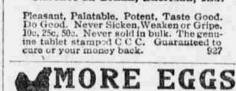
The picture represents a basket of fruit on which a number of insects have gathered. On a pale yellow apple, which is the centerpiece in the cluster of fruit, is a large fly, painted so true to nature, so say the officials of the gallery, that the canvas was injured by some one who endeavored to "shoo" it and brought his cane or hand too close to the canvas. "A tribute to the painter's genius," says the letter recording the fact, "for which the work had to suffer."

### Fulfillment.

"Two great desires of my life have been gratified. One was to go up in an airship." "And the other?"

"To get safely back to earth."

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