

SYNOPSIS.

"Vanishing Fleets," a story of "what might have happened," opens in Wash-ington with the United States and Japan near war. Guy Hillier, secretary of the British embassy, and Miss Norma Rob-erts, chief aide of Inventor Roberts, are introduced as lovers. Japan declares war introduced as lovers. Japan declares war and takes the Philippines. Guy Hillier starts for England. Norma Roberts leaves Washington for the Florida coast. Hawaii is captured by the Japs. All perts are closed. Tokyo learns of missing Jap-anese fleet. England's fleet mysteriously disappears. The kaiser is missing. King Edward of England is confronted by Ad-miral Bevins of the United States. The Dreadnaught, biggest of England's war-ships, is discovered at an impassable Dreadnaught, biggest of England's war-ships, is discovered at an impassable point in the Thames. The story now goes back to a time many months before the war breaks out. Inventor Roberts ex-hibits a metal production. This over-comes friction when electrified and is to be applied to vessels. Roberts evolves a great flying machine. The cabinet plans a radioplane war against Japanese. The start is made for the scene of conflict. After maneuvering the airships descend, and by use of strong magnets lift the After maneuvering the airsnips descend, and by use of strong magnets lift the warships, one by one, from the sea. The vessels are deposited in the United States. The British fleet accepts American hos-pitality and is conveyed to the United States. The kaiser is taken on a trip-his first visit to America-thus accounthis first visit to America-thus account-ing for his disappearance. King Edward is brought to America on a radioplane for conference with the president. They agree to work for world peace. Announce-ment of the secret of the radioplane is made in Central park. New York, to the wonder of millions. The king meets his men. He departs in an airship for Lon-don. Half way across the Atlantic the radioplane bearing the kaiser is met. The two monarchs pledge themselves to a two monarchs pledge themselves to a world-peace. Edward and kaiser return world-peace. Edward and kaiser return home and the secret is spread over Eu-rope. The president sends a peace mes-sage to all the world.

CHAPTER XXIII.-Continued. The German emperor, true to his promise, was the first to give official ratification to the message, and added thereto his earnest entreaty that all powers might speedily join. He offered an eloquent argument in its behalf, fortified by his own observations, and reviewed the reasons why Germany had previously declined disarmament in conferences at The Hague. His attitude was that of impartiality, and no mention was made of the





ag. Only the song of the fisherman might henceforth echo along the shores whereon it beat. It had outlasted those sturdy hulls of oak and steel that once had dared its force. High above swept the invaders of that new territory to which man had at last laid claim and was to hold in domination for his use. Blue as the skies above them, the radioplanes hovered over and bade farewell to the vanishing fleets. In the vanguard flew the Norma, her colors fluttering in the breeze of flight as they had done on that day when she swooped down through screaming shells to

wrest power from the enemy. Floating after her moved the huge Roberts, its metal sides throwing back the rays of the western sun. Close behind in stately pursuit was Seventeen, whose plates had felt the biting WANTED TO MEET HIM AGAIN force of the dead Yakumo's guns. And so they came, bidding farewell Patriarch Had Something to Say to to the ships of an abandoned sea. Small wonder that the soul of the girl who watched felt one instant's regret that she was never again to know the exhilaration of the fray! A half smile looking old fellow sitting out there of tenderness parted her lips as she on the fence. He seems quite a patrithought that there in the air above her were her friends and companions arch. in arms-grim old fighting Bevins thar fer three years. with his prayerful oaths, good-natured

Brockton whose kindliness she knew, "Three years! Good gracious! There must be an interesting story inand studious little Jenkins whose imvolved in this. Is he waiting for perturbability equaled his steadfast something?" bravery. "Yep. He's waiting fer a tall feller

Guy, understanding and respecting drivin' a big red autymobile. He came the storm of feeling which must be by 'bout three years ago an' runned hers at sight of this pageantry of over' the old man's calf. Th' feller which she had been such a vital part, stopped an' said: 'What's the dam watched her in silence. Almost at their feet squatted Fort Hancock. whose guns were to bellow for the last time. It too, like its fellow forts, was of the dying. Like them its bascome back." tions would be abandoned and the n within driven to ways of peace Fortress and ship, garrison and crew, would be no more. Crumbling, untenanted walls left as records of a bad." nation's defense, and rotting uniforms relegated to garrets, would be all that were left-armies reorganized and reduced for police force only, and sailors become fishermen or passing their lives in other occupations and reminiscensing of the sea; swords rusting in scabbards and guns corroding in embrasures, nothing more! The last salute had boomed out. Lower and lower flew the radioplanes, till they were close above the outgoing ships. The ports of the peacemakers wakes could be seen others flying the opened, and from them fell garlands of flowers, which fluttered down through the air indiscriminately upon the doomed craft and the waves themselves-a tribute of peace from the living and wreaths for the dying gladiators of war. Hand in hand Norma and Guy stood upon the headland beneath the gray beacon lights that would welcome strange travelers from foreign ports the refinement of skill and study, and ho more. Into the darkening skies of the genius of evolution were embodied the east the fleets of the nations were in those metal sides. They repre- speeding to dissolution and death. sented the wealth of nations collected | The long, steady swell of the free and through sweat and blood, all poured unburdened sea came monotonously out unstintedly for this-consignment hammering at their feet. In silence they watched the relics of cruel war abandoned war. The glories of past sail out, saw their hulls disappear, deeds of valor would no longer be saw the trails of smoke diverge as emulated upon the waves. The sea each squadron sought its own course, had been untenanted before man's and then looked into each other's ingenuity found a means of breasting eyes, reading therein nothing but a promise of love and serenity. Their troubles had vanished as had those fleets of the sea, and life with all its possibilities of accomplishment and him, and now it was bidding his craft contentment was before them. They farewell and carrying his fleets for turned from the great silent ocean wastes echo to his passing salute or the sunset toward their home. THE END.

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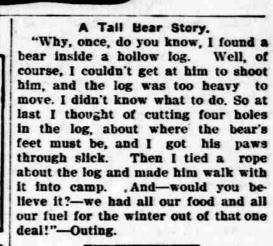
EXPERIENCED ADVICE.

The Customer-You don't appear to have a hat in the place to suit me. The Hatter-Try a soft green one

Escape Nicely Timed. A German shoemaker left the gas

turned on in his shop one night, and, age?' an' the old man said, "Bout upon arriving in the morning, struck 'leven dollars,' and the feller gave a a match to light it. There was a tertwenty an' drove on. An' th' old man's sittin' over there waitin' for him to rific explosion, and the shoemaker was blown out through the door almost to

the middle of the street. "Eh! Poor old chap. Forgot to



That Wheezy Sound.

"Say," inquired the boy next door of the little girl whose father suffered from asthma, "what makes your father wheeze so?"

"I guess it's one of his inside organs playing!"-Puck.

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mooted questions between Great Britain and his own country, which were later adjusted satisfactorily through the commission, and passed into history as the first dispute which that body was called upon to arbitrate.

There followed a brief lapse of days, in which the other nations of the earth studied this communication in temper according to their desires. It came as an amazing document in an epoch which was uprooting existing conditions and establishing new ones. The underlying threat of interference in any international war, however, made it patent that the wisest course would be in graceful acceptance. Hence it was that all the principal governments bound themselves in the compact. The last page had been written in the voluminous history of strife. The hissing of the barb, the retching of the catapult, the clangor of sword and buckler, and the booming of cannon, which in the course of time had succeeded each other, were sounds to be heard no more on land or sea. the world was thrown down, and Peace had at last assumed its tranguil dominion.

When the last acceptance from the the moon cast its shadows over the city and the shining breast of the river. Still alone, but now beloved and understood by all his countrymen. though you failed."

he knelt by an open window, and, with a face glorified by the radiance of the prior to the ceremony in dread, courtnight and his thoughts, thanked the ing neither the display nor the lime-God who had made him steadfast to light into which they were driven by accomplish his desire. The president, the parts they had played. The pubtoo, had reached his goal of dreams.

CHAPTER XXIV. The Last Cruise.

Summer, dying, was bravely courte- rest with each other. They had seized sying to its executioner, fall. Over the first opportunity after the marthe immense canyons of the moun- riage to escape, leaving their destinatainous city of New York the after- tion unknown.

ncon sun was drawing the curtains of They had retreated to the seclusion a gala day. Triumphal arches spanned of Atlantic Highlands, where the great the throbbing streets, and down the beacon stands facing the broad fronts of the towering buildings stretch of open sea, and where they streamed a wealth of smothering color | might be removed from the pomp and where the flags of all nations were in- pageantry of nations. And even as termingled. Not within its existence that great embarkation took place had this city by the sea, this maw of along the water front of the city the nation, entertained such gallant which loomed far behind them, they throngs. stood on a cliff by the ocean side.

Smart British officers drove here They had avoided the last act in the and there in company with friends. drama of deference, a reception given Gayly-clad mandarins stared through to the president and the inventor, and narrow eyes at the somber men of were content to be left alone. Japan; fez crowned Turks smiled at

Forgeously uniformed men from the came the slow, sullen undertone of Balkans; German officers, splendidly guns in salute. Again came the thunerect, traversed the streets in com. derous monotone, and then, emerging pany with soldiers of that other from the distant haze into the clearer sagie's race, the Russians; colonials air, appeared a flight of aerial things he give it up and go to the Philippines from Australia hobnobbed with men in orderly formation. The girl's hands or seek employment on the isthmus. in the face. I managed to obtain the of New Zealand; and the folk of Italy clasped themselves together as she bowed gravely to the cavaliers of old | watched. Spain, who had been watching a group

Thousands Had Been Contented with a Stare. with a stare at Hillier and his wife as | unison, saluting as they passed in one

they rode in state through the broader | terrible explosion of sound which rethoroughfares in the morning sunlight, verberated along the shores and was and for details had read the newspathrown back by the echoes. Here pers which, glorying in a plethora of they came, the dying gladiators of all news, had told them all. nations, sailing out to doom! Nothing had been neglected, not Well in front were the vanquished

even the fact that this clean-cut Engsquadrons of Japan, their funnels relishman had given the best that was paired for the last cruise they would in him for his country, and that the ever make, but stripped of fighting calm-eved American girl was the one masts. Back of them came the who had played her part in war and mighty ships of England, with prows was the idol of her countrymen. Aiturned outward for their final voyready they had published pictures of age. German cruisers, graceful and the king and president, who as guests | well manned, followed; while in their had stood side by side, and portraits of the most distinguished men of the banners of Italy, of France, of Rusglobe who had deferentially taken sia, and nearly every maritime nation places behind them. Only one thing of the globe. Flanking this assemwas hidden from the eager public, and | blage were the vessels of the Amerithat was the manner in which they can navy, which but a short time behad been reunited. fore had been regarded as the coun-

Guy, saddened and worn by failure. try's bulwarks, and were now parhad been one of the first to enter the ticipating in the last review. United States when the barrier against The science of ages, the experience of all who had gone down to the sea, Norma, still yearning for his love, had gone to his arms as if nothing had

ever held them apart. She was a most laggardly nation was received, world figure now, and the world was the news was made known to the at her feet. Behind him was nothing stlent man in the White House. It save the knowledge of earnest enwas on another night in summer when | deavor and honest defeat; but to her to the scrap heaps of a world that had he had been the same, nor did she anticipate that a king would later take his hand and say, "Well done, even

> They had passed the brief days it. His coming had left it unscarred and unimproved. It alone was unconquerable, changeless and heedless. licity had been against their wishes,

and the gifts of the world in which equal to that of being alone and at i

Through centuries it had scorned each country vied afforded no pleasure the last time. No more would its and walked into the golden radiance of witness his trivial strainings for a



HOW HE PULLED THROUGH

mission."

One Young Man Who Found Lack of Capital No Bar to Success.

Suddenly from the far away bay Three years ago a young man wrote understand why hundreds of young me a thoroughly disconsolate letter. fellows, all dissatisfied, are not their Things were not going right. He was own masters. I, with fear and tremdisgusted with his occupation. Should bling, gave up my job. My capital in Stamps were inclosed. It seemed I consent of a big Maiden lane house to had to reply or be charged with steal- become an independent canvasser for

There they were, 20 miles away, the ing four cents. Last Friday this young optical goods, their repair, etc. I went from that other republic, France, Rep. ships-her ships-which she had led man called. He wore a prosperous among the acquaintances I had made resentatives of the world had assem. out to victory and directed through air. In fact, he looked too dignified during my nine years of inside selling bled, under the pretext of witnessing the maze and turmoil of battle. She for his clothes. Said he: "I have come and got some orders. Due satisfacan international marriage, to pay def- stood silent and spellbound as they to thank you for your advice. I took tion being given, one order brought anerence to the one invincible power, slowly advanced, and then discerned it literally, and here I am to-day in other, and pretty soon I was very It was in reality more than that: it on the waters beneath them the slow fine health and on the road to for- busy. In three years I have built up

thank the man, I suppose. But what's he got that shotgun for?" "The twenty th' feller gave him was



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The Native-Yep. He's been sittin'

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Saphedd-I'm rather dull this evening. I feel a little down in the mouth, don't you know. Miss Cutting-O, impossible! Why,

it is not a sixteenth of an inch long!

Beginning Right.

"Your folks must be mighty exceptionally fond of eggplant," remarked the grocer's clerk to the deacon's son when the two met after the church services one Sunday. "Your father ordered two dozen of 'em yesterday." "Oh, that's easily explained. You

some big house and make your comsee dad's been reading about the latest methods of chicken-raising, and "It was a hard pull at first," he said, he decided to try the business. Al-"but now it is so easy that I do not though the books advised beginners to purchase adult fowls, dad decided it was better to start with the eggplant." -Harper's Weekly.

> Gratitude Poorly Expressed. An old woman was profuse in her

gratitude to a magistrate who had dismissed a charge brought against her. "I thought you wouldn't be 'ard on me, your worship," she remarked, as

she left the dock; "I know 'ow often a kind 'art beats be'ind a ugly face."

The Reason. "What's the rea

A passerby rushed to his assistance, and, after helping him to arise, inquired if he was injured.

quires a wife who makes him toe it. The little German gazed in at his place of business, which was now burning quite briskly, and said: For children teething, softens the guns, red fammation, allays pain, cures wind collo. 25c "No. I aindt hurt. But I got out shust in time, eh?"

You cannot build a frame house un-Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine less you have the rochs. wash goods when new, owe much of Smokers like Lewis' Single Binder cigar their attractiveness to the way they

are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

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Mr. Brown and his family were standing in front of the lion's cage. "John." said Mrs. Brown, "if these animals were to escape, whom would you save first, me or the children?" "Me," answered John, without hesi-

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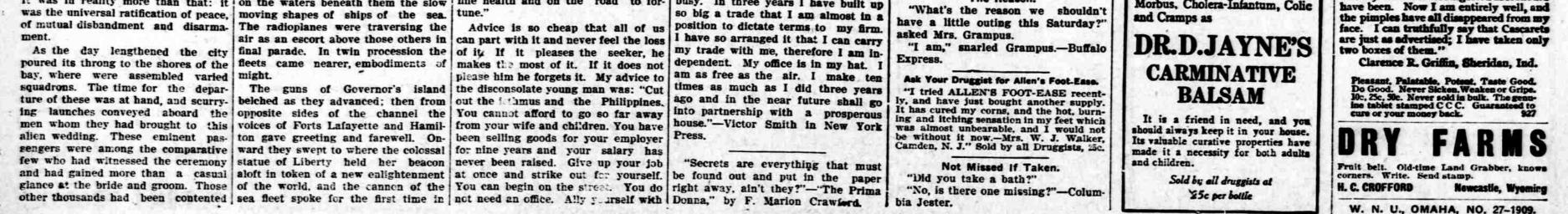
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