HARLEY'S MARRIAGE.

Chambers Journal.

CHAPTER L.

pliment to Hr. 1/26 sent out of com-pliment to Hr. 1/29, who had mention-ed me as a mc. st intimate friend. At Mr. V an Dusen's 1 met his sis-ter-in-law, Mrs. Van Dusen, and her It was blowing a strong southeaster one November morning in 155-, as I daughter, and certainly a more charmstream, of which I than had charge. I had not proceeded ranny steps toward Montgomery streat, the principal bus-iness thoroughfare of the city, when s

heavy hand was laid on my shoulder, been perfectly satisfactory to both Miss Van Dusen's uncle and mother, and I recognized the cheery voice of and I recognized the cheery voice of John Harley, the most intimate friend I had made since my arrival in Cali-fornia some sixteen months before. And the consent of the latter had been given, and the marriage he hoped would take place in about a month. On the 12th day of March I re-

fornia some sixteen months before. "The very man, Ingram, that I wanted to see. I only arrived from Stockton an hour ago, and was just coming off to your old tub to bring best man to my friend and sail the paintedf but some three or four years that the woman who had thus entrap coming off to your old tub to bring you on shore; for I want your advice and assistance, and that immediately. The bark Albert Allen is to be sold at auction to-day at 1 o'clock, and as I auction to-day at 1 o clock, and as 1 hear she is a fine vessel, I wish you to ful dejeuner was laid out at Mrs. Van Usen, with much agitation; "I him, or to remain at home, but his him, or to remain at home, but his hear she is a fine vessel, I wish you to come and look at her; and if you think well of it I will bid up to a rea-sonable figure, more particularly if you will take command of her and take again to the high seas instead of burying yourself in a storeship." The newly married pair were to there to pass the first few days of the there to pass the first few days of

"You buy a ship, Harley? Surely, with your mining claims and city lots,

Her husband, you know, was shot in a gambling house, and she is left with three children; though, by the way, I think she is better without him, the reckless, drunken fellow! Come, I want some breakfast, and then we will go and look at the vessel, and I'll tell would at its contents: "Don't trip your anchor till I come. I am going with you. Take my traps I S. HARLEY. The scrawl was hardly legible, but was still unquestionably Harley's handwriting. For an instant the wild idea fashed across me that it was pos-

a wealthy man, who had no other such, and even if he were, a few a liberal income upon him. While making a tour of the United States, curiosity and a love of new scenes and propensity. curiosity and a love of new scenes and adventures had drawn Harley to the I looked into the boat, and there adventures had drawn Harley to the Far West El Dorado, without any no-tion then of gain. Catching, however takings.

Harley had made the acquaintance them. of Herr Van Dusen, a Dutch machant from Batavia, the chief town of the island of Java, who had come thence to settle the matter so far as John Harley was concerned; and the young lady on her departure for home had taken John's daguerreotype and a piece of his hair inclosed in a gold locket as a souvenir of her English lover. The uncle would hear of no

together with an apo' .ogy for the con-sequent shortness by the invitation, which was of course sent out of com-

landed at Long wharf, San Francisco, from the storeship lying out in the stream, of which I than had charge. I had not proceeded many steps toward Montgomery streat, the principal bustwenty-years before. This he handed visit London for a short time, where to Mrs. Van Dusen, saying. "There she stayed with her old schoolmistress.

with your mining claims and city lots, you must have quite enough on your hands," said I, in some surprise. "I have nothing of the sort; for I have sold out everything but the ca-boose and lot in Happy Valley, which, in consideration of the sum of \$1 to me in hand paid, I shall bargain, sell and convey to Mrs. Sullivan, who nursed me so well some months ago. Her husband, you know, was shot in a gambling house, and she is left with

idea flashed across me that it was pos- husband had died in India of sunyou all my plans." John Harley was an Englahman of independent means. His father being when and even if he were, a few coived your father!" ceived your father!"

over his, mother in speechless amaze-

were trunks, bags, and desks in great disorder, evidently hurried off without packing or care. The ment, while the horror of his position At this moment Superior

of his brother and partner, a sea voy-age having been recommended for her by her medical advisers. Two months of their society had proved sufficient the senses. Throwing to wait the side looking like a man bereft of his senses. Throwing to wait the side looking like a of their society had proved sufficient the senses. Throwing to wait the side looking like a man bereft of his senses. Throwing to wait the side looking like a man bereft of his senses. Throwing the sense sense is the sense sense sense is the sense sense sense is the sense sen to settle the matter so far as John a number of small silver coins into the young bride went reluctantly from years, in entire ignorance or suspicion

with the unhappy, miscrable events of the day. CHAPTER II. Age been enabled to move in a much higher sphere in society than that in which he had been born; and, like

Immediately after I had left Mrs. many others similarly situated, formed Van Dusen's, the rest of the company the most extravagant ideas as to the had also departed, with the exception of one or two bosom friends of Susette him, and of his twin sister, Ellen who intended remaining with her till For the first of these he got a commis hurry in leaving the ship, and which warm attachment was soon formed, I sent on shore after him, he took out which ripened into love. Charles a miniature of his father taken some persuaded her, on some pretense, to twenty-years before. This he handed visit London for a short time, where

to Mrs. Van Dusen, saying. There is my father at the age of twenty." "Why, this is a likeness of Charles Smith, not of your father. Where did you get it?" exclaimed Mrs. Van During this time the bans of marriage were published in the two churches of the respective parishes they satyed in, after which they were united. When Charles' father came to learn When Charles' father came to learn

what had taken place he gave way to the most violent passion, and avowed

there to pass the first few days of the a hoarse whisper, as she dropped on to tain from his unrelenting parent was

They have this week adde

FINEST FRENCH fluence, indirectly applied, a situation as governess in Amsterdam. She had Received direct from the are respectfully invite them, Also received several letters from Charles, in which he told her that, as soon as HAND-SEWED BOO to break off the connection, Mr. Smith, as soon as he had obtained the

tion then of gain. Catching, however the universal fever of enterprise raging around him, he had pecuniarily in-terested himself in several under-disorder, evidently hurried off without around him, he had pecuniarily in-terested himself in several underwagon and were sent off in his boat, and that I was to grant a receipt for tham. Harley could not speak. But now for a time Mrs. Van Dusen showed the had died in India very suddenly. This For some little time I racked my trolling her feelings wonderfully, she England once to see her child. Fearbrain in a vain attempt to guess of rose, went to the door and calmly ful that if these visits were frequently some clew to this extraordinary cirin a vessel of his own. He was ac-companied by his nicce, the daughter and looking toward the shore, I saw your marriage. Leave us for an hour death, Mr. Smith further again de-

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gement without her mother's con- cabin, as the one he had occupied was Jones, with whom he remained till sent; but Harley had promised, as filled with cargo; but he had already put to a boarding school. She was soon as he could wind up his Cali- gone into mine and bolted the door; very kind to him, and loved him ex-

dies being really interesting only to themselves. 1 learned, however, from him that Miss Van Dusen's mother was an Englishwoman, whose husband having retired from the command of the famous Duch East Indiamen line, had become a merchant in Batavia, and had there died, leaving a widow and this one daughter.

At the time of which I write, English ships in California were very frequently sold at extremely low prices. Deserted by their crews, and not unfrequently by their captains also, the ships were sacrificed often for

less than one-third their value, when sold at sheriff's sale, to defray the inyourself, Harley. Whatever may debtedness incurred since their arrival. Availing himself of these cir-

cumstances, Harley desired to make the house with you to see you off to-something out of his trip to Batavia, the more so as there was no other way and if you remember, after you bid for a sum equivalent to about one her again!" thousand pounds.

Of our passage, as being without any noteworthy incident, it is enough to asy that with semandaria to his wife's conduct or character to say that, with remarkably fine which had at once made him deterweather it was pleasant till almost mined to leave her. Possibly the exthe last day; that it was rapid, from pression of my tell-tale countenance favorable winds and a fast vessel in indicated something of this, for he excellent sailing trim, and that on the looked up at me suddenly.

about two months. Our charterer, a cannot tell her." shrewd Portuguese trader there, put a supercargo aboard to look after his have married my sister—my own interests; and as he was urgent for mother's child!"

less so, on the sixth day from our dropping our anchor we again weighed and sailed for Batavia, where after a somewhat prolonged passage we safely "There is no misconception. I

usual shore regulations had been comhave involved him in great trouble discovery." and expense. A full hour and a half was he fuming and fretting before, all then replied: "That is true. It was the forms having been gone through, he left us, waving his hat, and urging He seemed calmer now, an

(contra, Childrenk)

he left us, waving his hat, and urging the boatmen to renewed exertions, in his haste to get to Mr. Van Dusen's offices. Everything seemed so far to favor Harley's hopes. Mr. Van Dusen took him home with him some miles from the town; and the same evening he was made acquainted with Miss Suscite Van Dusen's mother. Thus was on the Menday; and on the Thurs-day I was to sail for Surabaya in the Albert Allen, to get her cargo, and Albert Allen, to get her cargo, and would touch at Batavia on my return voyage to Singapore. In view of my his home belongings; so that I was as

speedy depature, the next morning I totally unprepared for the informa-received an invitation to dine with Mr. Van Dusen on the following day, dents as I had been for that connected grandfather, had by a wealthy marri-WAL . TA . YENBOTTA WAL . ATTORNEY . AT . LAW

fornia interests, to follow them to and in answer to knocking only re- ceedingly, and often spoke to him of Batavia and endeavor to obtain that plied: "Come down after you have her own little boy, who was dead, and

Batavia and endeavor to obtain that consent. All this he related to me at break-fast, and a great deal more which is not worth repeating, lovers' rhapsothe deck, I went down again; and later a gentleman, who had often come after knocking two or three times, to see him, took him away and put Harley unbolted the door. His face him to another school, at the same was deadly pale, with an occasional time telling him that he was his father flushing over for a minute or so as he and that his proper name was John clenched his hands and seemed almost Smith Harley. in a convulsion. I did not speak. I In a convulsion. I did not speak. I knew not what to say. He drew him-self away hastily, and continued to walk to and fro. Then he spoke: "They tell us there is a God. How could He in mercy allow this?" He struck his forehead and sank on to the Further explanation between Mrs.

little sofa. was quite young. Again I took his hand. "Calm

have happened, bear it like a manalive? like the man I know you to be." "Ingram," he said, "I came out of tive.

am," she cried, to have my first husband living, and yet to have been the of getting thither without tedious and Susette good-by, she went up stairs. wife, and now the widow, of another trying delay. After our inspection, I have not seen her since. I shall man!" he purchased the ship at the auction never see her again-I never can see Her Her distress of mind was surely painful to witness, and in the sight of

thirty-ninth day we anchored in Sin-gapore roads. Within two days of our arrival at Singapore a tolerably good character was obtained for the Albert Allen to proceed to Java and returns which would method and that on the suddenly. "Poor, poor Susette! how can she bear this? She will think me a scoundrel; and oh! that is hard to bear. But better that, than that she should know what I know return; which would probably take that iwhich her mother dare not,

our departure, and as Harley was not "Good heavens! Harley, do not say

arrived. The anchor had hardly reached the bottom ere Harley would have shoved off in a shore-boat for the landing, but that I had to check him till the usual shore regulations had here a minature of my father usual shore regulations had here a was young." when he was young." would only be a source of reflection which we can surely for the present which we can surely for the present which we can surely for the shock of our separation you can communicate them to her in your own way. I will now

"Thank God for his mercy, Harley, write a letter to her, telling her that plied with, a breach of which would that you were not later in making the sudden and unforseen news of great

importance compels me to leave for Singapore, in the Albert Allen im-mediately-that I cannot bear the trial of a parting scene, but that I will write to her as ason as I arrive there.

Though she will suffer much, yet I think she will do less this way than any other. Trying to save both her and you as much 'as possible will per-haps extenuate the deception put upon her. Harley having persuaded Mrs. Van Dusen to consent to this plan, and having written the letter to be de-livered to Susette soon after his departure, took an affectionate leave of

his unhappy mother and left the house unseen The explantions which had passed between Mrs. Van Dusen and Harley

mentous question.

ly toward the door.

wife's death, he wrote to his father begging him to see that everything possible should be done for the child's health and welfare, and this Mr. Smith faithfully did.

after, Charles sold his commission and maternal granduncle, he assumed the name of Harley. Thereupon he formally acknowledged John as his son, and pensioned off Mrs. Jones, put the lad to school, and, after he came of age, settled on him a most

liberal reward. It was very unfortunate that we had an unusually quick passage to Singapore, for the next morning af-

ter sailing from Batavia, on going into the cabin where Harley was, I found him in a raging fever and quite ed that his mother had died while he delerious. I did the best I could to allay his sufferings; but up to our ar-

"And your father-my husband," rival at Singapore, he remained in the same state and was carried on asked Mrs. Van Dusen, "is he still shore to the hotel, where the best medical aid was procured. It was more than a fortnight before he was "Harley answered in the affirma-

"Oh, what a wretched woman I considered out of danger, though still terribly prostrated by weakness. Of course he had been unable to write to . Susette, as he proposed, and was still incapable of doing so; but he requested me to pen a few lines to Mrs. Van Dusen, intimating it Harley almost forgot his own bewilthat he had been very ill, and, though dering position. How at once to sepnow recovering, was too weak to It will do a large family write. This I did; and two more arate from Susette was now the mo-

days passed, the symptoms continuing "She must be told everything, and favorable. I will go to her now," said Mrs. Van Then came a letter by a steamer

Dusen as she rose and went tremblingfrom Mrs. Van Dusen, full of anxiety, ur arrival at Singapore having been But the generous heart of Harley eported there. With it came some refused to subject her to so sudden a English letters, which had gone to trial. In an instant he decided how Batavia from Singarpore, and were now returned by Mrs. Van Dusen. to act. Gently drawing her back to the sofa, and kissing her tenderly, he, One of these, I could not help obby a strong effort, spoke quietly and calmly: "Dear mother, I must not serving, was a somewhat bulky packet, edged with black. I did not, however cannot be the means of causing you choose to notice the circumstance when I handed Harley the letters, the further trial of communicating these circumstances to Susette. It but left him for a while to read them. would only add, and I think need I lounged about for some time on the lessly, to the bitterness of our ineviveranda until a Chinese waiter came table parting. The knowledge of the to say that Mr. Harley wanted me imunfortunate events of your early life mediately. As I entered the room I saw that he had raised himself up in would only be a source of reflection

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