the high woods in a long dragoon's plume

As the twilight despened and the wind

of an anchorage, safe from every wind ex-

come to the pinch with us.

of trailing line mist,



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when little Anna somewhat to kill the girl field, quietly, "the law-my brother, John when Philip tells her the truth-that Anna who will yield nothing easily-my son-"

CHAPTER XLVL

Sant Mark Explains.

In addition to warning Will and myself that very honest man, Saul Mark, made himself clear to all concerned on a certain hot evening a fortnight later. It was in the wide half underground apartment set aside for Captain Stansfield and his companion in the monastery of St. Jenn of Brozus. The Donna Juanita Silveda had just arrived to in the arbor, where were Saul Mark's papers and charts. The girl lifted one at random and to her surprise found it a map of the Isle of the Winds, with the fathoming of all the anchorages and girding reefs carefully marked. The position of the village was exnetly indicated, but the work had evidently been interrupted, for the interior was a blank with only a few vague pencil markings

'Why have you brought me here again? Anna heard her mother say as she entered. The reply was inaudible. Then in a few moments the woman's voice grew louder. "I will not-" she cried shrilly. "I tell you I will not-I would die sooner!' Whereat the girl moved nearer to the

soor, thinking it no shame to listen when all our lives depended upon her vigilance. she was, hidden among the crimson blossoms | circufstances. of the arbor, the voices came clearly enough

Then Anna distinguished the voice of Saul Mark, not raised like that of a commander, they take us back to the file of the Winds but only made more emphatic as if what he said admitted of no argument.

Juanita, but of your necessity," he said, Umphray Spurway will surely charter a not of may, but of must. I speak, remem- ship, and with our fighting weavers as well

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vict murderers.'

field, quietly, "the law-my brother, John,

supposing that as a father you can bave! any affection for such a son. You were no stickler, Philip, when your own father, who gave you all, stood in your path. This boy is altogether too puny a gnat to strain on now. He is in my way, I tell you. Ha threatens to be more in my way. He has a faculty, common to cats and other sleek animals, of landing on his feet. And when 1 am settled at New Milns and lieutenant of visit her compatriots. As was her wont on knocking upon my front door. We must put that beyond doubt. Plainly, Philip Stansyour horitage. Philip, the younger, shall

> "What-would you murder the innocent ind?" cried Janet Mark.

> > CHAPTER XLVII.

The New Powder Monkey.

It may be understood that Anna's nows, which she carried that very night to Will and me in the weaving shed, touched us very nearly. For me I did not feel nearly so much terror as in such melancholy circumstances I might have anticipated. And as for Will, I think he did not believe in the reality of the danger. He had that kind of English conceit that makes a man con-She had not to go outside, for even where sider himself the master, not the slave of

"Courage, Philip," he said. "You and are far from being dead yet. We are forewarned-which is to say forearmed. as they must if this be so-why, we shall escape and maintain ourselves in the High "It is not a question of your will, my Lady Woods till we get a passage home. Then ther, to a man and a woman who are both as the crew, faith, it will go hard with us if we do not drive these Spantards into the

> But somehow this seemed too remote consummation to afford us any real comfort. But it was Will's way and I did not contradict him. Then we sent for Eborra privately, to seek his counsel, who when he knew) of the hiding place of Morgan's do your work on board." treasure, was very grave and silent for

a while "I will go and consult my mother," said, and so left us quickly. It was wellnigh an hour before he returned, looking

such downcast and disconcerted. "It is true," he said, "he knows. Some trong Obeah has spoken to him. But not strong as my mother's. We shall conquer et, but it will be hard. And we must wait, you go to seek the treasure. Eborra will

"Perhaps they will not permit you."

'Yes, yes, they will allow," said Eborra alone can keep the black men quiet. I one know the woods. Perhaps Saul may kill me after, but first he will let me go. I need not recount the anxious days, the

while the San Esteban was being fitted Winds prepared. We soon found that Don existence in Eborra's tiny bay with Anna mouned overhead. Lianas creaked Nicholas also had been drawn into the ter's dominions, and the destruction of a abbot to marry us, if necessary, with a our feet came the rustle and hise of disnest of pirates and buccaneers which had pistol held at his head. long been given to capturing Spanish 'n old Spain. And, besides, was there not fato the leathsome crater in which Morgan's ful lashing stroke of the fer-de-lance. great treasure to be gained, not only from treasure was forever broken on a wheel of And ever in front of us pulsed, clearer

at this moment not only sinners, but con- Mark had promised to disclose, but also from those more immediate and accessible "And, who planted the thought in our ones amassed by Captain Key and his through the stillness only that long-continu-

deep, quiet voice of Captain Stansfield. This readiness to be slaughtered upon the eve of into heavy fetters. Anna went to her father ear where the great vein of the neck is.



Not till we were being taken on board were our chains taken off. As soon as I got as Eborra said, succeeded not ill. out of the weaving shed I looked every way for Anna, but saw no sign of her. I felt somewhat sore-hearted thus to part, without any word of farewell from her. But there was no help for it. We were speedily transported on board and found places as best we could behind the bulwarks on the main deck. The anchor came up with a rattle and a cheer, the sails filled, and we were off. I sat watching the long battlements of the castle of Porto Rico, but saw and sadder than ever before.

But I had not time to think heavy firm tones, thoughts long. For the drums beat to quarhe grand inquisitor standing near them, island. I promise it." appointed all of us our stations in case of any attack.

The guns were stripped run out, and ment in another's feeling. Then came a bout of practice at | back in the light winds, and a flush of de- that you forgive!" fiance on her lips as she gravely turned to salute her father and Don Nicholas.

> CHAPTER XLVIII. "For Her Sake."

As usual Anna Mark (little uo longer) had so late she had practically insured that. For the ship was too far on her course and the wind too favorable to return for such a cause. Furthermore, she alone could still a smile, to the close-set lips of Saul Mark. She alone touched something that was yet human about him.

"We must clip your wings, my lady," he said, nodding his head at her with appreciation. "We must not let you spoil this cruise heard that Saul Mark knew (or said he to be a powder-monkey I shall see that you as you spollt some others. And if you are

Anna pulled a forelock and scraped a foot with all the gravity of the most ancient ollower of the sea.

"You'll find me do my duty, sar," she said, tiching at her waiet belt with a certain impish daring that went well with her erect carriage and boyish costume. It seems strange to me now that, know-

ing what we did of the intent of Saul Mark we should yet be able to regard our return to the Isle of the Winds without any great apprehension. Yet so it was. Perhaps it was because we had been in so many territropic place like the pirate isle we thought that there were many more chances of escape

the hoards of Sir Henry Morgan, which Saul pitch, I answered him indeed, but somehow and broader, that strange ruddy light, Eborra and Captain Stansfield.

ere kept on us we would not march at all red and white and orange even in that Cairngorm. Wide black rifts and holes, The San Esteban was loaded deep through the woods. They might carry us if somber light, some tied like favors on the "There are obstacles," said Captain Stans- with stores and men. Not much provision they chose, that was all. Presently Eborra liance, others drooping unexpectedly from was taken, for with a favorable wind the came and crouched with us behind the bulwhen Philip tells her the truth—that Anna is her own daughter. Another boat comes ashore at Porto Rico. It holds Saul Mark and Philip Stansfield, who have been beatson in the encounter with hostile pirates. Saul recognizes his wife. He and Stansfield persuade the governor to fit out a ship promising to return to the isle and bring himself down out distance was no great matter. Yet there was ever a thought in my heart. I wondered how with this one ship, loaded down with soldiers as she was, Saul and his Spaniards could hope to force the perilous passage of the list of the jow hissing whisper, which (as we had been dearn applies, being the promising to return to the isle and bring in the hollow of my hand, even as I hold him promising to return to the isle and bring in the hollow of my hand, even as I hold him promising to return to the isle and bring in the hollow of my hand, even as I hold him promising to return to the isle and bring and the hought in my heart. I wondered how with this one ship, loaded down with soldiers as she was, Saul and his Spaniards could hope to force the perilous passage of the list of the iow, hissing whisper, which (as we had been down with the low, hissing whisper, which (as we had been down with the low, hissing whisper, which (as we had been down out was ever a thought in my heart. I wondered how with this one ship, loaded down with the last, if you please. As for the lawyer was ever a thought in my heart. I wondered how with this one ship, loaded down with the last, if you please. As for the lawyer and the midst of his web.

In this place the midst of his web.

In the low, hissing whisper, which (distance was no great matter. Yet there warks. We spoke in low tones of the hiding of the midst of his web. quarrel with me. But 'your son,' say you? Saul Mark would certainly have a plan judged that most likely the charm lay in caterpillars as big as bean pods rained the person using it more than in the actual sound. Nevertheless, we did our best and,

Thus we four, Will, Eborra, Anna and I. were waiting our turn to disembark and listening to the dipping of the oars, when suddenly a shadow fell between us and a bank of stars on the side of the ship farthest steamy mist, impregnated with a sulphurous from the Isle of the Winds. I saw, even in smell, swelled and billowed about us, the darkness of the night and the unilluminated ship's deck, that it was Captain Stans field who stood there. He waited silently, leaning on the bulwarks and watching the no sign of my sweetheart. Not a kerchief phosphorescence of the sea deeps wave like field, the elder, you cannot go back to claim waved along the whole dull front of a banner under our keel. But as soon as the masonry, which made my heart yet sicker deck was quiet about us and all possible listeners removed, he spoke to us in low,

"Go forward-do not fear," he said. "No ers and Don Nicholas and Saul Mark, with harm shall come to any of you on this

Then he was silent a moment as if wait ing to take advantage of a favorable mo-

"Philip." he said, "I speak to you. You the isolated sea rocks as we sailed past are my son. It is true I have been no them. There was a cry for the powder worthy father. Yet now, before I go into monkeys. The hatches were lifted and the the presence of the judge, I would shake first on deck with a bucket on her head your hand. Mine is stained deeply enough, was-little Anna Mark, looking more like a God knows, but, though guilty, the blood of winsome boy than ever in her high-kilted a father for which men hold me in loathing Indian dress, the leather fringes blowing is not upon it. Take my hand and tell me

"I forgive you freely for all the ill you have done me," I answered; "the evil you have brought on my mother I cannot forgive."

He sighed a little and then said: "Philip, her own willful way. Indeed, by appearing are your grandfather's son, not mine. But yet-tell your mother that if she had loved me at first it might have been otherwise. Yet at the last my heart dwelt upon her Yes, in the blackness of despair and death bring a smile, swift and grim indeed, but I loved her. At least tell her that the thing which I shall do, I do for her sake!"

I reached out my hand to Captain Stansfield. I always thought of him as thatnot as my father. His grasp came to me through the darkness. He held my hand in his for a long moment and then moved silently away. I could see him, by the light of the red reflected glow above the trees, stand by the foremast watching the men going over the side in the boats.

We made our way slowly through the forest, Saul Mark leading with chart and glad to see master Saul." compass. The lantern carried beside him was the only one allowed to the company. The rest of us came stumbling after as best we could. Four men made shift to carry across to where Saul Mark stood shading I could plainly discern that for some reathe grand inquisitor in a kind of litter. Will his eyes with his hands and watching the son of his own my father was trying to irriand I were each chained to a veteran of the island wars.

far down the desert side of the isle, for that he showed nothing. ble places and in spite of all had won our the large company, most of them quite way out. Or more likely because in a wild unaccustomed to the high woods, made a noise which might have waked the dead.

Haute blackberry briers tore our thin than in one settled and cultivated like Porto clothes as we entered what appeared a very Rico. We knew that if once we had five cave of darkness. Men stumbled ahead of hot and sleepless nights we spent. Will and minutes' start, with Eborra to help us, we us, falling over prostrate trunks with the might remain hidden forever in the dense rattle of accoutrements, and recovering ip and the expedition for the Isle of the woods. And I for one had visions of an ideal themselves with strange oaths. Tall trees and Will and the half-breed. I had already cardage between us and the roof of leaves. venture. It had been suggested to him that planned how we were to carry off my mother Invisible things threw themselves from the annexation of a new island to his mas- from the nunnery, and I think, also, the strand to swinging strand. From beneath turbed snakes, and as often as a bough So that when Will spoke of what we scratched my face I could have cried out. treasure ships would bring him vast credit should do if we were compelled to descend for I felt in every thorn prickle the dread-

not as though I believed that it would ever against which the leaders of our advance stood out black. Sometimes during a halt Toward evening as the sun sank to the I could see Saul Mark, his chart spread on sen, the creamy smoke-cloud over the high. a fallen tree. Eberra was at his elbow, est part of the Isle of the Winds grew reay. the lantern in his hand and the iron book and we could see that it extended a very pointing out something on the map. long way upward, finally becoming combed

Then in a moment we would be called out toward the top and blowing seaward over | forward again. Often I could not hear the whispered order, but each of our guards simultaneously gave a tug at the chain by which they held us in leach. And once, as freshened the San Esteban drew inward to- Will did not move fast enough, the brute ward the side of the island farthest from promptly set the point of a knife to his the pirates' village. Here Saul Mark knew back and pricked him sharply with it. I could see Will turn white with anger. In cept a furious tempest from the gulf, and a mement he would have been at the felof that at this time of year there was little low's threat, but I caught him by the arm "Wait." I said. "If we pay at all, let us

We looked into the loom of the lofty and pay our debts at one settlement savage cliffs as we drew nearer with mingled The fellow with the knife flearished it awe and admiration, which were rendered over his head and for pure deviltry would greater by the strange pulsing glow, now have pricked Will with it again, but at that red as blood, now yellow as wheat-straw moment the red glow shone out like sheet that beat irregularly behind them. The ap- lightning and against it I eaw momentarily pearance was as if some vast conflagration something dart, black and straight as an had been dying out beyond the hills, and the arrow. The next moment Will's guard beating light was accompanied at intervals uttered a terrible scream and dropping his by a low roaring sound like heavy surf on a arms he pressed his palms to his tace, with windless night. Anon a recurring rumble shrick after shrick of pain and terror. would shake in our ears, causing a throb-Saul Mark looked back quickly.

"Gag that man!" he commanded. "He

bing whirl of the brain like that which accompanies fever. At this the glow reddened will bring every pirate in the isle upon momently and then died down, till again us!

In a moment Eborra was beside us. He carried the lantern. I saw him stoop to almost to a shrick, that Anna heard as she stood trembling among the heavy, crimson- Everything seemed ready. The arms and Even when the boats were being got out ing quite close. Will indeed still chained to the soldier. By the light of Eborra's lantern we could see two tiny punctures behind the "The man is dead," said Eborra, standing up, "Fer-de-lance has stricken him." And so it proved, for while flourishing

the knife over his head to threaten Will he must have touched the branch on which the snake lay. Then a great fear fell on all the company. It began to be whispered what the

man was doing when the serpent struck "Why do you not sing, Eborra," I whis

pered to the half caste, "he may strike "No," he said in a similar tone, "this is no living snake, Philip. Fer-de-lance does not strike at night. This is a jombi that enters the body of a snake to strike down his enemy. Do not be afraid-my mother

is working great Obeah for you now. The

jembis are all about us. They will protect And indeed it is true that we did feel all about us the sense of invisible presences. Yet the sensation was no pleasurable one, but rather as if some one unseen were about to put his hand on your shoulder

At this moment Saul Mark ordered Will to be chained to another armed guard. They cast the dead man loose. (He died while we stood looking, strangely contorted and of a visage that blackened under our very

"Forward!" commanded Saul, "lead on, Yellow Jack, if you know the way. There is not a moment to waste. It will soon be

Then Eborra summoned to the front all the

blacks and Indian laborers and serfs to bring their machetes and cut a way through the tangle. He himself held aloft the lantern and directed them. It was a strange sight, the red throbbing glow going and coming like a furnace that dies out and is continually refreshed. The dense blackness of the canopy of leaves overhead enveloped us. The waste of hanging vegetable cordage seemed trying to entangle us-lianes and lialines like huge hawsers and cables, others again thin as trout lines. As the light of the lantern flashed across these other plants were seen clinging to them as the mistletoe does to an apple tree in the orchard at New Milns-rosettes of gorgeous bloom, flaring

down upon our head. But still Elborra hastened the work and we made our way toward the source of the light.

We rose gradually as we proceeded, passing the great swamp by a firmer path than that which we had formerly crossed from the direction of the pirate village. A soft

rose a great black hill, in shape most like were heart-shaking enough. the Law of North Berwick seen from the shoulder of Moorfoot, but it was not the hollow tower we had seen. The dense undergrowth, the matted carpet of moss and us and seemed to pervade everything. crunching between our teeth as we walked. That which fronted us now was no eastellated wall of black basalt. The dry. black sand had grown hot under foot and crumbling slopes of loose gray ash sloped steeply up to a hill top which snorted and roared above us. Subterraneous rumblings made our hearts quiver within, and the red light we had seen sprang upward and anon sank low. We were now near enough to see that this was not fire, but as we say n Scotland the 'skarrow' or reflection of the

roseleaf and anon flashing into whiteness, as, rising out of the sea, the sun smote its upper part long before it reached us where we stood among the black and blasted growths on the edge of the forest. Eborra came close to us as we stood gazing upward. It was the first time I had ever seen him really smile, for I do not count the grimacing of Yellow Jack.

pointed toward the mountain we could see breaking through the jungle before us. "Harry Morgan has come himself for his treasure," he said, "and has brought his gan's master along with him! They are both very

And, indeed, there was something emispitting, roaring monster before us. I looked | ron boil." raging fire mountain where he had expected tate Saul Mark. And if such were his in-

"Forward!" he cried, pointing upward to the cone of ashes. And first of all the expedition he started up the winding side of the flery mountain.

guards, thinking of us even in that moment f disillusionment, And so bent double by the slope of the

mountain and slipping among the loose fire!" linkers of the lava streams, we mounted as est we could after him. Anna came lightfoot with us, often running a little before Saul, began to do as they were bidden, And and giving us a hand when otherwise the then in spite of comfortings and promises I weight of our chains would have brought us

in which Saul Mark designed that we should the rotten sulphur crusts until my very bowwalk. But there was in my heart none of els were turned to water to look at her. She ment would tetal, and that all should the confidence of the three youths in the caught Saul Mark by the hand and belought perish who dared to threaten a hair of book of Daniel and that in spite of both him to spare us. He threw the girl off with your heads! It has come to pass!

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black ashes changed to crystals of sulphur yellow and brown, glistening like the stones yellow and brown, glistening like the stones WABASHER their sides feathered in brightest red and yellow, led down into the heart of the mount. These continually belched up burning steam and choking odors, which blew "St. Louis Cannon Ball" in our faces like the breath of demons. this was Obeah, as Eborra said, I wished

that Obeah had been somewhat sweeter of throat, for the hot reek blasting in my face turned me sick and faint and I swayed upon Will as I stood. At last we came out upon the unstable summit. It had a lip narrow, crumbling and dangerous. There was, however,

wind there which blew most of the smoke away from us, so that the place was more tolerable than upon the breathless slopes be neath. I looked over into the crater, setting my breast to the edge and holding Anna's hand as I did so. My guard would on no account

Suddenly out of the dense shadows and approach closer, sinking his halbert deep reeping vapors of the high woods we in the ash for a holding post, and indeed emerged upon a wonderful scene. Before us do not blame him, for the sights and sounds This is what I saw. Immediately beneath me and so abrupt

that one could toss a stone to the bottom, was a lake (as it seemed), no longer wild hemp, the quaking hill-all had van- of pitch sluggishly turning over in its sleep. ished. There was a hot and deadly taint in but of fire bubbling merrily, like a great the air which kept us gasping. Our mouths broth pot. From this jets of steam hissed became dry as the dead bones of the desort furiously upward. Blocks of glowing rock spat out viciously, and when a loose stone maid." or boulder fell from the precipices above into the cauldron it was instantly dispersed, often exploding with a loud report like a ante. The soldiers set us three close tobombshell and casting the fragments high gother, coupled at waist and wrist, on a over our heads as we lay and watched. ledge overlooking the fiery furnace beneath I have listened to pleasanter music than the There was a moment's pause as they brought sound of these black jags of rock as they | Eberra from below. snored past us, booming upward like drone beetles in the summer gloaming. Saul Mark stood near us. I could see him

biting his lip and elenching his hands as he completed. On the day you wronged Saul looked down. But even then and in this Mark he promised that he would drag you flery heart of the mountain thrown upward place he seemed to know no fear. Don down to the pit and blot out your name on the great hooded column of smoke, Nicholas and one or two of the bolder spirits and seed from the earth. Behold the fire shaped like a paim tree or long stalked among the Spaniards had mounted after us. mushroom that towered above all into the and we stood all close together on the highest part of the crater lip. In every other death. Hold back the girl there! Make The dawn was now coming fast, and the direction the deadly vapors prevented closer ready. Fling them in!" column of smoke or steam changed its aspect access, and though the stones fell about us every moment, now growing pink like a like summer rain, they were mostly small and did us no great hurt.

"What of Morgan's treasure now?" said my father, looking at Saul Mark with a I had I might not cry out with aneer terror. kind of grim pleasure on his dark face in a lull of the noise. The man's features were instantly con-

orted with an access of devilish fury. "Morgan's treasure is gone," he cried, but I tell you there is another over yonder village)-a greater doubtless than Mor-

"We might have gone thither at once, then." answered Captain Stansfield, "it was the burning pit. a waste of time to bring us here with so nently devilish in the smoking, coughing, great ceremony, all to see this devil's cauld- my father, and leaped out into the abyss,

the quiet lake of pitch. It must have been tent it is certain that he succeeded. Saul It was indeed well that we had landed a terrible disappointment to him. Yet of turned upon him with a flerce action of the hand. "I will show you. Philip Stansfield, whether I have brought you here only to see a pot boil. Cast off these chains!" he cried

"Bring these lads along!" he cried to our to the soldiers. "Now couple the lads to gether. They are traitors and villains, Their black slave bind also with them. He has deceived us. Fling them all three into the The soldiers, obeying a sign from the commandante, who stood lowering darkly behind

sprang towards her father, running so care-It was very near now. The flery furnace lessly along the perilous edge and among such violence that she had almost fallen and

Suddenly, as we mounted the cone, the

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would, I think, have done so if the commandante had not reached out a hand and caught her by the fringes of her hunting dress. "Let alone," he cried to Saul, "you take

too much upon you! Do as you will with the young heretics, but do not touch the Saul moved his hand with a commanding gesture, without answering the command-

"Now," cried Saul, as with a leer of triumph he turned to Captain Stansfield, "I have kept my word. My work is nearly heated seven times for your first born! See how it leaps up. It is a quick and easy

I could feel the soldiers at my arms and back breathing deeply and retracting their muscles a little as men do who are about to make a mighty effort. I too, firmed mine, feet stiffened against the black cauldron lip. Suddenly Philip Stansfield, who had been standing quietly a little beyond Saul Mark, sprang at him and caught his enemy in his arms.

The man with the earrings struggled (he pointed to the direction of the pirate flercely, but the grasp was too strong, Captain Stansfield pushed him steadily for ward till they stood among the last crumbling embers that slid away from them into

"Tell Mary that it is for her sake!" cried carrying Saul Mark with him. A gust of flery heat shot upward. A jet of dense blue vapor shut them from sight ere they reached the bottom. Its poisonous fumes struck us full in the face and sent us reeling, as if stricken by a mighty invisible hand. Fire seemed to rise out of the crater, out of every rift and crevice and blowhole. The mountain heaved. At this the soldiers turned and fled, leaving the three of us on the crest. Anna came to us hareheaded and pale of face, even in that furnace glare. Then we stood a moment with clasped hands and gazed after the two men whose deeds had changed and marred so many lives. But we saw them no more. Only the flames leaped up and

danced merrily beneath in the pit of bell. Silently we turned away and went down egain with no gladness in our hearts. For thought that our hour was truly come. Anna we knew not yet what should befall us, At the foot Eborra spoke for the first time. he said. "they will be much afraid. I teld the black men that a judg-

(To Be Continued.)