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(Copyright, 1900, by Robert Barr.) Gilbert Strong awoke suddenly. Something was wrong, of that he was certain. They seemed to be on a square gravelbut what the something was he had but the covered island far above the earth and unvaguest idea. His flat was on the seventeenth floor of the Zenith building, near cloud floating close under the sky. Miss Fifth avenue, and above the seventeenth floor Colburn was the first to speak. there was nothing but the flat roof. He moil of a New York street, soothed and short a time have we?" comforted a literary man.

The lower sections of the fin hingly than a fireman." fire engines. houses on the opposite side of the thoroughfare were aglow with the reflected light of almost like a smile softening the lines that a confingration just begun, and grim appre- | fear had drawn about her lips. bensions thrilled the scantily clad frame of occupied.

He was paying an exhorbitant rent because the Zenith apartment house was fireproof, but somehow this remembrance brought little consolation to him at the moment he stood by the window. proof" is an elastic term and to the average New Yorker it merely means that the skyscraper so designated will occupy a few minutes longer in burning than some others that have not marble stairs, concrete floors and steel frames.

Gilbert Strong dressed himself speedily, yet with more deliberation than a man might be expected to use in similar circumstances. He was thinking, not of himself, but of another-the occupier of flat 68, his own spartment being numbered 67. wondered if she had come home the night before, hoping she had not. He had not heard her come in, often listening for the shutting of her door. Four things he knew regarding her: She was the most beautiful woman in the world; her name was Maud Colburn; she was an artist, and, point of view, animated by vivid personal lastly, that he had never been able to summon courage to speak to her, planning for melts before a fire. Gilbert Strong strode down the hall and struck his fist lustily against the panels of No. 68. "Who is that?"

"Miss Colburn, come out as quickly as you can, the house is on fire. I am your word will quickly spread that we are on the neighbor, Gilbert Strong."

There was a shuddering cry from within, then ellence. Strong walked to the elevator house top?" He heard the jingling far below. Some assured." thought came to him of kicking in the door of the elevator and pulling the wire rope to bring up the car; but through the glass he that merely as a guess. They understand saw the shaft thick with smoke and he knew fighting a fire and I don't. I cannot tell that a breach at the top would but make a the exact method they will adopt." roaring furnace of this smoky funnel, while the chances of getting down in the car, even | cessful?" if it came up, were exceedingly remote. As yet the upper hall in which he stood was almost smokeless, although a strong smell

of burning pine was in the air. came out, arrayed with admirable disorder, down below. And it has not returned." a loose dressing gown of fascinating color time; but now she seemed adorable, her "Oh, no, no. I am really warmly clad. It beauty heightened by the augmented roses is awful to think of any one going down in her cheek and the appealing glance of into that stifling pit." fear in her dark eyes.

"Oh, you are not gone!"

"I was waiting for you."

no danger, but we may have to go down the ing her formerly expressed fear. fire escape to the street."

building. They said it was fireproof." "They will say anything in New York. I was meaning the wheeled escapes of the fire

Strong noticed that the doors of the flats door." they passed on the landings were open; a silence as of long desertion hung about the empty rooms and halfs. The fire had made first; perhaps the two occupants of the top it. There is no name on your door." had been forgotten in the general alarm, and if this were the case their called-" situation was more serious than he cared flights down the chaking smoke began to be very gratifying." meet them, growing thicker as they descended. Slightly he offered his arm, and she took it, gasping.

have always had a fear of heights, and yet- I was right-all hope has fled," and yet I took that flat. I though this house was fireproof. Let us get down, ened." down, down, and quickly. If one has to fall, the distance will be less."

He smiled grimly. All they could accomplish in descent would make little dif- the fire?" ference.

"You must not be afraid. Don't speak, the fire." please, and breathe through your nose, Better hold your sleeve against your face, and were you thinking?"
breathe through that if you can."
"Of the pleasure of

But even as he spoke he saw that their literary title. And now that books are our about her. Don't-you see I'm dying of more and more heavily against him, then cetied question: Have you read my last?" with a moan sank helpless at his feet. He

window sent her swooning to the floor. little connection between the name and the They had not yet come down to the level of story." the opposite roof that covered a ten-story building. Leaving her where she lay, Gil- had so much self-esteem that I thought window at the other end, the wind blow- it was a catchy name; and a third, that ting with her brow pressed against the sill. a phrase." "Leave me." she meaned. "and save your-

self-if you can.' "You don't mind being left alone?"

"Oh. no." Her face sank in her open spired?" "Then you see you are not a coward after all. My courage would fall if you left smoke is becoming stifling. We must make May 1?" 'or the roof."

"The roof? Oh. no."

tarry you. She went with him, protesting.

"The roof will be worse at the last." 'It cannot be any worse, and the air will

be breathable." He assisted her, and there was need of it. to the hatchway, ascended leaving her form."

murky pit.

"Can you climb the ladder?" "I think so if you help me a little."

He reached down a hand and at 1-s: simply sticks."

with her hands as if to shut out any realization of the dizzy height at which the soot. Mand with a laugh. connected with it, or on a very material

"How divinely sweet the air is. It is like liked this elevation, for the air was purer life. I never seem to have appreciated the than farther below and the comparative pleasure of mere breathing or mere it ing then I would have missed her. But, thank my judgment of her?" quiet of the situation, high above the tur- | before. How long-when will the fire-how

"I hope our days will be long in the lant. Gilbert dashed from his bedside to the Miss Colburn. The fire may be put out; window, touched the spring blind and it flew | they may shoot a rope over this roof; there to the ceiling. But one glance out and are a hundred things between us and disdown was needed to tell a New Yorker what steer. I count strongly on the ingenuity of the trouble was. Tearing along the side the fire department and on the blavery street, with alarm gong a-clang, rushed the of the men. No soldier faces peril more un-

The girl came closer to him, something You are saying that to comfort me. I had

young Strong, as he realized that the fire a glimpse of your face by the open window was in the first stories of the tall edifice he down below and saw that all hope had left you. You know there is no choice for us." "You are entirely mistaken, Miss Colburn There are many chances in our favor." "Then why have you made no attempt to

let those in the street know we are here on the roof? How can the fire department do anything for us if it thinks every tenant has escaped?" "By jove, you are right. I hadn't thought

of that. It isn't despair, it is merely a

man's stupidity." Gilbert walked to the parapet, leaned over and shouted. The air shuddered with the incessant palpitation of the fire engines. He saw standpipes, which he knew to be tail. pouring floods through the shattered windows of the fifth or sixth stories, yet from his height the streams seemed to be on a level of those shot from the pavement. Now and then the shrill whistle of an engine calling for coal pierced the throbbing air. The streets were crawling with human black beetles, inefficiently kept within bounds by the police. How familiar the scene seemed, yet Strong had never witnessed it from this

interest. These men so far below were battling for his life, and for the life of a formal introduction, but always failing another still more dear to him. He turned to find a proper intermediary. Diffidence back from the parapet and saw her standing where he had left her; the fear she had confessed of dizzy heights returned to her wideopen eyes. "You can not make them hear?"

"Then they will shoot the rope over the and, from futile habit, rang the electric bell. "They will do something, of that I am

roof."

"Some one may have heard me, and the

"Will the something effect our rescue?" "Such is my hope. Of course, I mentioned

"Nevertheless you are sure it will be suc-"Oh. yes."

"What a master of fiction you are!" "Why do you say that?"

"Because, as I said, I saw that all hope The door of 68 opened and Miss Colburn left you when we were at the open window "le my face so expressive? In that case and make around her, the abundant black I should be a master of acting rather than tresses profuse over her shoulders. He tad of fiction. Are you not chilly in this keen always seen her in fashionable garh, and sir? Your door is open; may I go down and thought her tile most superb woman of her bring you up a wrap?"

"Then let us walk under the stars for a

while." He took her unresisting hand and placed and look at that bridge. See how it hangs lyn bridge. What then? Did she take any times as much as the new congressional li-"That is kind of you. We are not in dan- it under his arm. They walked along the against the dark sky, a very necklace of ger, are we? The electric lights are will flat graveled roof as if they were old friends, pearls. Could anything be more beautiful?" she shrinking a little when they approached "Yes, that is a good sign. No, we are in the parapet, whereon he turned, remember-

"It is so humiliating to be a coward." she arm and stood a step further from him. But there are no fire escapes on this said, seeing he had noticed her shudder. "You do yourself scant justice," he replied. "I think you a very brave woman."

"That is delusion on your part. You are department, and we must go down some actually brave and so I may appear a pale stories yet before we come within their reflection of courage, if I am even that. You range. Let me escort you to the stairway." are brave and I am pretending to be. How A red lamp indicated the stair. They did you know my name was Maud Colburn?" ules of ciectric light, the most blatant of walked down the marble steps together. "It is engraved on a brass plate on your

The girl laughed lightly. "So it is. I had forgotten. A lady friend of mine presented it to me when I took that further progress than he had surmised at flat, and so it has remained where she put "No. May I introduce myself? I am

"You are Gilbert Strong, whose latest book to admit even to himself. Two or three all America is reading. Such a success must

"It was yesterday." "Ah, you speak in the past tense. There is more truth in your 'was' than in your "I am-I am a coward," she faltered. "I optimistic remarks about our rescue. Then just to pay your distant devotion to that "Quite the contrary. Hope is newly awak-

> "Why, what has happened?" "I am talking with you."

"I know. But what has that to do with the girl and forget about the bridge. It

"To tell the truth, I was not thinking of

"I do not understand you. Of what, then, "Of the pleasure of hope, to use an old

endeavor was hopeless. The girl leaned subject, may I ask what will ream a con- curiosity? You take so long in getting on with your story, introducing unnecessary bridges and all that. Have you met "Your latest, you mean. Yes, and I lifted her, passed down the hall to a win- have wanted to speak with you about its her?" dow and threw it open. The cool air re- title. Why did you call it 'Inspiration?" vived her, but a glance through the open I suppose I am very dull, but I could find

"Well, one critic said it was because good looks. good looking girls. New York is full of bert went down the half and opened the myself inspired; another, that I supo ed ing through, almost clearing the passage it cost less to advertise a book whose title one to be compared with her." of smoke. When he returned she was sit- was a single word than one designated by

"Yes, but what was the real retson?" "The first man was right." "What? That you thought yourself in-

"I was inspired."

"Oh!" "Are you very much shocked? It is the me. Give me your hand and spring to your truth, and I wanted to tell you about it if feet. In spite of the open window this I thought the recital would not tire you.

"I'll tell you when I'm tired. Go on." "Thank you. Well, to understand the written. You see, her presence was so "Life is impossible here. Come or I'll situation, you should have read one or more of my other books; but they are volumes nobody bought."

Maud Colburn laughed. "I have the six on one shelf all by themwas mine. Although the public has praised seives. Having wrung that admission from the so-called creation, I sione know how me, please go on. Don't be profes ional far it has fallen short of the reality. But I The electric lights had gone cut, and the with your "To be continued in our nex." did my best, hoping not for their approval, etsirways were thick with smoke. In the suspense, I'm impatient for climaxes, and but for hers." darkness be groped for the tadder that led that is why I never read a story in secial

clinging to the foot of the ladder; flung up "You shall have no further complaint to the trap door and caught a glimess of the make of my diffidence. Set an author thinkcoothing startit aky, whose existence he had ing of his immortal works and he never At first I thought she liked it, but afterforgotten as he fought his way from that knows when to stop. The first five books ward, I began to have doubts. were deserved failures, because I could not Probably the poor girl has no opinion depict a woman. With the men I was one way or the other, she wants to say what reasonably successful, but the women were will please you, but is uncertain of her

ground. I know of no situation more em lifted her through the square opening and "Oh, I don't agree with you. Mr. Strong, barrassing. You literary people are so senclosed the trap door. Once on the flat roof You are now going to the other extreme sitive that misplaced praise is almost as che swayed slightly and covered her eyes and self-depreciation is almost as bad as disastrous as blame."

elf-conceit. Your women were always, charming -a little too good, if anything." hey were not alive at all. They were not book! xed in my own mind and naturally I could ot write convincingly of them so that they

ume!" "Oh, that is quite true to life," said

"Not with the kind of girl I was trying God! I walked and so I met her."

"How delightful! In prosy old New York, too, I suppose?" "On Brooklyn bridge."

chanting a meeting."

"Do you know many literary people?"

"I think not." "Then she can't be very clever. Still, I answered, sir?" night remain for a moment in the reader's am doubtless doing her an injustice. She collection. Why, in one of my books the probably knows all about it and plumes her- my deserts." eroine has black hair in the first chapter self greatly on the fact to all her friends. He took her willing hands and drew her "I should be delighted, but I fear you ling lips.

would not do her justice." phantom, like all her sisters. But one day critics, which a cynical person might say to her and to him? I saw a real woman. I tremble now to was the same thing. Have I said anything think how near I came to taking a car, for which makes you think I should be unfair in helmet. "The fire is out."

"Yes, you have." "Oh, well, I was talking careleasly. Besides, it is all your fault in being so exasperatingly slow in your telling of a story. Enormous Cost of the Philadelphia Oh, worse and worse; what a spot for so You went along all right when you began. but latterly I have had to ask question after monosyllables. One would think I was you

"You're all right," said the man in the

"What-what fire?" stammered Gilbert Strong. TWO OF A KIND.

City Hall and New York Capitol. The new city ball at Philadelphia, re

What! Don't you like Brooklyn bridge? question, getting my answers mostly in lates the Chicago Record, is called the "Penn-Holder," because there is a statue of "Oh, I daresay. Please go on with your rival in the affections of Superba and that William Penn on the top of the tower, and

brary. Strangers who visit Hartford are al-

necticut, which is one of the most beautiful

within the estimates, but many thousands of

ury. It is claimed by Hartford people tha

this is the only public building of any size

On the other hand, the Philadelphia people

under discussion and declare that it is the

United States, excepting, perhaps, the state

race to see which could occupy the longest

The capitol at Albany was commenced in

1868, and one corner was first occupied in

great architects of the world told me that

the city hall could be reproduced to-

to one man, locks to another, keys to

needed to foretell the answer. Gilbert. 1 as each contractor was expected to make a "I know one novelist. Is the Lady Su- hinted that your mythical Lady Superba was contribution to the political war chest he "You mean too goody-goody; in truth, perba aware that she is the horoine of your too easily won; and now, when I might set added that amount to the price. There have by wore not alive at all. They were not book?"

her an example of susterity, I find myself also been labor regulations on both buildfollowing her too complacent lead. Are you lings which have increased the rate of wages paid, reduced the number of hours of "Almost beyond my hopes and far beyond labor and added considerably to the cost.

The capitol at Washington has c at thus far about \$16,000,000, with \$5,000,000 mere for and is a blonde toward the end of the vol- except you. Nevertheless, I should like very to him, his kiss lightly touching brow and the construction of the terraces and up much to meet her. Will you introduce me?" cheek, finding its abiding place on her thril- proaches, which do not pertain to the built ing proper, but would not have been needed Suddenly she pushed him from her, start- except for its peculiar location at the crest "Oh, yes, I would. My estimate would ing back. The trap door was rising and a of a hill; but with all the money that has to picture," replied Strong, joining in the probably be much nearer the truth than wet helmet had appeared, angering the been expended upon the national carried it merriment of his companion. "However, yours. We women are said to be severe young man with its unnecessary intrusion, has cost \$1,500,000 less than the Fhi a elphia that girl does not matter; she was a mere critics of each other. In reality we are true for did not the whole world belong solely city hall and \$3,000,000 less than the Albany state house and is larger and finer than either. The Philadelphia city hall covers an area of 470x486 feet and the tower, including the statue of William Penn, that surmounts it, is 547 feet and 3 inches h gb, or 7 feet and 7 inches lower than the Washington monument

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"It was I, then, whom you met on the been due not only to extravagance, waste &

head, you remember."

among as many people as possible, but it a day's excursion.

"Ah, I am afraid I did not see very far did not promote economy and one of the Loop. (Class A.)

The captof at Albany was commenced in 1888, the emainder in 1889. The Philadel-phia city hall was begun in 1870 and a portion of it was occupied in 1880, the entire building in 1887. At the time work was commenced the population of the city was 650, 600. It is now 1,700,000. Then there were fifty-two municipal officials and their clerks to be accommodated with office room; now there are 143. The Albany building is practically completed, but the Philadelphia hall is unfinished, and it is estimated that additional appropriations of \$4,000,000 will be needed to carry out the plans of construction and elaborate designs of decration. The mayor's office is one of the mass superbapartments in the country—as splendid as the eudience chamber of a king—and its decrations alone cost over \$60,000; but they are no more extravagant or exquisite than those of the directory office of one of the savings institutions of Philadelphia.

The enormous cost of both buildings has been due not only to extravagance, waste and corruption, but to a vicious system of making separate contracts for every little till ing that was done or needed. It was no doubt of political advantage to distribute the contracts and the purchase of supplies among as many people as possible, but it did not promote economy and one of the great architects of the world told me that the contracts for the world told me that the city hall could be reproduced to contracts of the world told me that the contracts of the world told me that the city hall could be reproduced to contracts of the world told me that the city hall could be reproduced to contracts of the world told me that the city hall could be reproduced to contracts of the world told me that the city hall could be reproduced to contracts and the purchase of supplies among as many people as possible, but it did not promote economy and one of the great architects of the world told me that the city hall could be reproduced to contracts and the purchase of supplies among as many people as possible, but it did no

Rules of the Contest.

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The young lady receiving the highest number of votes will have first choice of Class A trips, the next highest second choice, and so on. No votes will be counted for any young lady who does not earn her ewn living No votes will be counted for Omaha Bee employes. The votes will be published each day in The Omaha Bee. The contest will close at 5 o'clock p. m. July 21st, 1900.

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COWARD" SHE SAID

"Oh, what I said before was merely by time in construction.

"Not the slightest. I doubt if she saw ways told that the new state house of Con-

"Yes, that was the fashion two years structures in the world, was not only built

"I forgot instantly what was taking me dollars of the appropriation that remained

"I had to. Do you think I was going to in the United States of which the same can

"And then arranged an introduction-or brag about the amount of money that has

"Well, really, Miss Colburn, you are nearer biggest "job" that was ever known in the

"Ah, if that is the case, I don't think house at Albany. The latter has cost \$24.such of your Lady Superba." house at Albany. The latter has cost \$24.-

"That is not the worst you have said of than the "Penn-Holder," and it has been a

Lady Superba a coward. I say and said she menced the population of the city was 650,-

widening band of light along the eastern are no more extravagant or exquisite than

"How incredible it seems that I should thing that was done or needed. It was no

"It was the fashion then to look straight the contracts and the purchase of supplies

gether somewhere alone. I heard myself day for half its cost if one contract were

prophetic instinct deserted me, and I could practice to give the contract for doorknobs

"The answer! I fear no prophet, was third and hire a fourth to put them on, and

"Yes." he said, "but more beautiful is the savings institutions of Philadelphia.

was an introduction necessary? Perhaps you been stolen from their city hall appropria-

simply called on her and said, 'I am Mr. tions during the long years it has been

run the risk of losing her now that I had be said, and the virtue of the state house

found her? I determined to learn where she trustees has made everybody very conceited.

over to Brooklyn; I turned and followed unexpended were turned back into the treas-

story. You are at a most interesting point." you were determined to give me as little in- it has cost, up to January 1, 1900, the sum "But I can't have you do injustice to my formation as possible. Even now you haven't of \$22,501,556, or \$7,000,000 more than the

favorite structure. Just pause a moment finished your story. You met her on Brook- capitol at Washington, and nearly four

mc; she was looking straight ahead."

notice of you?"

"Oh, never!

Gilbert Strong."

her.

pered.

horizon

bridge?"

"Yes."

Goddess of the Dawn."

not have seen you!

ahead that day."

ahead, you remember."

not hear your answer."

lived. I succeeded."

the truth than you imagine."

much of your Lady Superba."

way of a joke, or rather with the purpose of

bantering you. You were so much in earnest.

"Down by the open window you called my

Maud Colburn stepped back a pace or two

and stood with clasped hands and bent head,

her eyes on the graveled floor at her feet.

He could see her face plainer now-pale at

first, then slowly flushing. Her mind, he

surmised, was retreading the steps of their

conversation, adjusting sequel to precedence.

by the salutation of the coming day.

When she looked up her brow was glorified

"How beautiful is the dawn," she whis-

He glanced over his shoulder and saw the

"I did. I saw you and me standing to-

perba is an exception. She must be a say, 'My lady, I love you;' but there awarded to one person. It has been the

What did I say that offended you?"

is the bravest woman in the world."

"You called her a coward."

From their great elevation the immense

bridge was plainly outlined with points of

while he with great enthusiasm and no lit-

"Oh, yes, it is all very well in its way,"

she said, carlessly. "Nevertheless, they

are not pearls to me, but sputtering glob-

illuminants. If you want electricity, look

The young man was disturbed by the

lack of sympathy with his mood that had

so suddenly come into her tone and his

attitude showed his bewilderment. She

arm again. "I am like the little girl who

had the curl on her forehead, with the

exception of the very good part. I'll ad-

place for a lover's meeting. I suppose

you come up here all alone on dark nights

"Then, as I seem to know so much more

about women than you, let me give you

some advice. Present your adoration to

"I believe you are right. I'll follow that

"Then, so far, you have not adored her?"

"Ah, that doesn't count. Well, tell me

"And talked with her, of course?"

"Did her conversation at all equal her

"Good looks? There are hundreds of

them. This lady is superb. There is no

"Really! As a general thing these su-

perb crestures are tiresome when they

begin to speak. I'm glad your Lady Su-

paragon. I suppose, then, she is the in-

spiration—she is the Denora of your story?"

"She is both the inspiration and the

"How charming. Did she help you with

"I don't like your word 'only." Were it

not for her, the book would never have been

strongly stamped upon my memory that

when I wrote she was before me-almost as

if actually there. All I had to do was to

nut that woman in my book and success

"We have discussed the book together

the actual writing of the book or was she

will be much more to the purpose.

"Oh, yes, silently "

"Oh. yes."

"Certainly."

heroine."

only the model?"

"And did you get it?"

"I am not sure that I did."

"Have you asked her about 11?"

mft that Brooklyn bridge is the ideal

"How horrid I am," she said, taking his

laughed, but without much merriment.

at the Jersey shore. There are miles of

tle eloquence dilated on the beauty of the

picture.

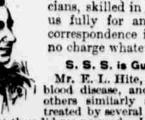
electric lights."

loop of lights?"

"Yes, I do."

advice.

light. The girl withdrew her hand from his ago. What next?"



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