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His Great Remorse.

[By Mary Lloyd Evans.]

Always the footsteps behind me, dull, hollow, but echoing-never before. Did they but precede I might have had hope, for then they might guide me to some haven of rest, peace for my tired heart.

I was not a wicked man, nor a mean man, nor a dissipated man. I was only a murderer—to the world never that, but to my own conscience, yes." A thousand deaths were in my heart and one poor victory—if I could call it

"I consent to the marriage."

'Secret, of course?" "It must be that way under the circumstances."

Burned into my brain were these three sentences, for they started the train of circumstances that resulted in a terrible tragedy.

It was six weeks since that I overheard Huldah Evans speak the first, Vane Telford made reply. Then her final words-"my love, my adored one!" She whom I worshiped was a party to a clandestine complication with a rival I had never feared, nor before that even suspected.

He had come to the village, a stranger. He had made several calls on Huldah, I was curlous, but she never apprised me as to the personality of her new acquaintance nor his motive in visiting her. That vividly remembered afternoon I was lining a high hedge, surrounding the Evans place when I heard the brief colloquy noted. I had come to the spot with my heart full of hope and love. I left it vengeful, embittered, my soul immersed in the blackest despair.

I wandered towards the narrow but deep rolling stream at the edge of the town, my spirit dazed, my heart distracted. This, then, was the end of it all. She loved another! I flung myself on the grassy bank, watching the swift eddies just above the waterfall. It was an unfrequented spot for the present, for the old foot bridge had been condemned, as all the regular townsmen knew, a new structure being proposed, and the roadway on either side of the stream was blockaded some distance back. There signs were up, warning the approaching driver and pedestrian of peril.

I sat in a daze, staring blankly at the rushing waters, madly tempted to plunge beneath their surface and



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end all my misery. It was getting on toward dusk when a sharp, cheery whistle attracted my attention.

There, not fifty yards distant, was Telford. He was warbling a careless carol, swinging along like a man in love with life, as if he had just heard some joyful news.

In a flash I pictured the situation. He my hated rival, was beloved by Huldah. I was the despised one. A blur of blood passed before my eyes, and then-

"He is headed for the bridge-he doesn't know!" I uttered breathlessly. I started up in wild alarm. In a flash I saw that, making a short cut for the town by an unaccustomed route, Telford had struck into the road at a point ahead of the blockade. He had missed the danger sign. He had no knowledge of the condition of the bridge. Two days previous a horse and wagon had gone through the rotted plankway, a great hole gaped in the center of the bridge, and some of the stringers were hanging suspended by mere splinters.

The word died in my throat meaningless, for the devil had seized me. What was this may to me, that I should not allow him to go headlong on his careless way? He had embittered my existence, why should I seek to save his life? My manhood cowered. Hatred, cowardice, guilt, held me spellbound beyond the saving moment.

Crash!—a shriek, a splash, a gurgle, and all was over-all save the footsteps proceeding across the hollow echoing plankway-tramp! tramp!

But now all that was human within me was aroused. In horror I regarded my willful act of crime. I ran to the edge of the bridge, I shouted wildly. I tore down the dim shore, calling madly the name of the man I hadmurdered.

Only the sound of the waves, the roar of the falls below, the night bird's thrill answered me. The void had opened up and swallowed my rival. Huldah was free, but I-tramp! tramp! tramp! ever the accusing footsteps, and always behind me, pursuing, challenging, accusing!

Looking back now I marvel how I passed those dreadful days, those wakeful nights of the two weeks succeding. Twice I had called upon Huldah. I was amazed at the fact that she betrayed no anxiety, none of the suspense of a bride expectant whose object of devotion had mysteriously disappeared. My guilt drove me to make my visits brief and constrained, although Huldah seemed glad to see me. She had with her now a cousin, a pale-faced, hopeless-eyed girl, who seemed an invalid, Martha Dawes.

No word of the fate of Telford had reached the newspapers. I had lined the river for miles, making cautious inquiries, but with no result. Then one evening those torturing footsteps drove me to a resolution: I would see Huldah once more, confess and leave the place forever.

It was twilight when I reached her home. She sat in a rustic chair in the garden humming a low tune. Miss Dawes, near by, was gazing with sad, far-away eyes at the crescent moon. I leaned over the chair and said to Huldah:

"I wish to tell you something of Vance Telford."

She started, glanced quickly at her guest, and, her finger on her lip, led me to a distance.

"What of Mr. Telford?" she challenged, with a certain sternness that chilled me. "He is dead, and I-am his mur-

derer! And then the words leaped over each other tumultuously as I told my story, all of it, without reservation. She grasped a tree for support, her

face a white void. "Go away!" she faltered, waving her hand distractedly. "I must think-

It was all over! She hated me, she despised me! I wandered about aimlessly, but the influence of fatality drew me to the river. Ever, it seemed, calling to me, for miles I trod its banks, the footsteps—tramp! tramp! tramp!—beating incessantly on my agonized ears.

I must have gone several miles, when I drew behind a bush near the shelving shore of the stream to avoid meeting a man progressing slowly with the aid of a cane. I was in no mood for companionship. I moved too far, my foot slipped, I went headlong, and was conscious of my head striking the water and a rock at the same time. Then I was insensible.

sciousness, for I recognized that the and the camera began to click. man bending over me had dragged me to safety, and that man, in form and substance, Vance Telford!

Within an hour I knew all the story of his rescue down the stream, his convalescence, his hegira now to the Evans home. And then I learned that it was the sad hearted Miss Dawes who loved him, and that Huldah had arranged for their clandestine marriage because her cousin could not live without him. Her family did not like Telford, nor did Huldah, but it was arranged that Telford was to wed Miss Dawes secretly and then go away and make a man of himself, for he had been a sad

profligate. But now I knew the man was in earnest when he told me how his narrow graze of death had reformed him. Arm in arm we went to the Evans home, to make two anxious hearts happy, for Huldah really loved me. And then—the footsteps died out forever.

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Napoleon and the Balloon. When Napoleon was a young cadet he went on one occasion to witness the ascent of a balloon in the Champs de Mars. He entered, unperceived, the inclosure which contained the balloon, which was then very nearly full and about to ascend, and requested the aeronaut to allow him to enter the car. The request however was refused, the reason given being that the feelings of the boy might embar-

rass the aeronaut. "Though I am young, I fear neither the powers of earth nor of the air!" Bonaparte is reported to have ex-

claimed. On being requested to retire, the little cadet, enraged at the refusal, drew his sword and, slitting the balloon in several places, destroyed the apparatus which had been constructed with infinite labor and ingenuity. Such was Napoleon's first and last

attempt to ascend in a balloon.

Mons Born in Fighting. Mons began fighting, Caesar founded it as a camp and a short time later Cicero's brother sustained a siege by Ambiorix. Its most famous siege was in 1572, delivered by Frederic of Toledo, one of the distinguished generals of Alba. The siege lasted from the end of June to the middle of September: sorties and relief were vain; the town capitulated under the most honorable conditions. In 1691 the Marechal de Luxembourg attacked the town, inflicted great damage and forced surrender. In 1709 Marlborough and Prince Eugene attacked and carried the town after a siege of 126 days. In 1746 the Prince de Conti laid successful siege. In 1792 Mons was the first fruit of the Republican victory at Jemmapes, and in 1794 the Austrians were subjected to a crushing defeat.

WHAT THE HORSES CARRY

French, German and Austrian Animais Are Taxed More Than English and Russian.

Cavalry are playing an unexpectedly large part in he war, and the weight carried by cavalry horses in the various armies s of interest. The British cavalry is armed with the short Lee-Enfield rifle, the magazine of which holds ten rounds; the sword. which is carried by ...ll ranks xcept signalers; and the revolver, carried by warrant officers, staff sergeants. sergeants, trumpeters and rivers Each trooper carries 100 rounds of ammunition in a bandolier over the left shoulder. Lancer regiments carry the lance. Each cavalryman (like the infantryman) carries an emergency and the "iron" ration and a ration for his horse. Then there is the kit. Altogether the British troop-horse carries about two hundred and eighty pounds.

The regular Russian cavalry are armed with sword, rifle and bayonet. and each man carries 40 rounds of ammunition. There are the two days' oats and hay ration, a cloak, and an entrenching tool. The cavalryman's kit, two days' rations, spare horseshoes, horse blanket, canvas bucket, and a mess-tin go to form the complete equipment, and weigh altogether about one hundred and nineteen pounds. The Cossack pony carries about two hundred and thirty-eight pounds. The average weight carried by the Indian troop horse when ready for war is about two hundred and sixty-six pounds. The Austrian troopers carry a weight between two hundred and eighty and two hundred and eighty-six pounds, and the average in the French and German armies is about the same.-Manchester Guard-

FIND CAUSE OF SOURNESS

Giant Elephant at New York Zoo Is an Actor and Naturally Tem-

peramental. At last Doctor Hornaday and Raymond L. Ditmans of the Bronx zoo have found out just why Gunda, in addition to being the largest elephant in captivity, has steadily built up a reputation as the greatest section of elephant hide encasing the largest chunk of temperament in the known

The answer is easy. Gunda's temperament is due to the fact that Gunda has become an actor. Temperament simply oozed from every pore when Gunda was called forth at long range to pose for the series of moving pictures that are being taken of the zoo animals for Curator Ditmars.

"Register sweetness and light, there's a good Gunda," called the mo-My blood curdled as I regained convie director as Gunda was led out

Gunda missing tried to register murder, fire, and sudden death. Doctor Ditmars, who had been in the act of stepping up to Gunda and offering the elephant a loaf of bread, changed his mind and went away from there. The last heard of one of the movie men was in the form of a long yell retreating through Yonkers.

But Doctor Ditmars got his pictures of Gunda in the act of being temperamental finally, and they are now being shown by Doctor Ditmars these days at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.-New York Sun.

War Distances.

War, besides being a great leveler, is also a great educator. Places we had never even heard of previously are now becoming as "familiar in our mouths as household words." The distances are apt to be somewhat confusing unless understood. It ought, however, to be quite easy to remember that a meter measures about one and one-twelfth yards, or more exactly, 39.37 inches. A decameter is 10 meters, a hectometer is 100 meters, and a kilometer is 1,000 meters, or a little more than three-fifths of a mile. The Russians express the length of their marches or the distance from place to place in versts. A verst is rather more than a kilometer, the exact distance being 0.66288 of a mile, or between three-fifths and four-fifths of that distance.

An Americanized Embassy. The German embassy in Carlton House terrace in London has changed its name to suit the exigencies of the time. It is now labeled legibly "American Embassy" on front and chancellery doors, and the Prussian black eagle has been removed. By the irony of fate and its lease, it has recently been repainted with the rest of the terrace, and this the Prussian govern-

ment will have to pay for sooner or

later, or lose the lease.—Pall Mall Ga-

Women Police for New Zealand. Women police may shortly be appointed in New Zealand. It was recently decided that the government of New Zealand should communicate with the governments of countries in which women constables are employed, and, after considering the information obtained from this source, decide if the fair sex should be appointed to the

And No Oslerizing? Insurance authorities find that in the last 50 years the average man has increased his length of life by seven years. At this rate, as may easily be determined, the man of 2914 will live 140 years longer than the man of today, in spite of the war.

New Zealand force.

Every seventh year, so science teaches, the vitality of the body is at its lowest. It is then most liable to be attack est. It is then most liable to be attacked by disease and less able to fight off such an attack. Just watch the record of deaths in your newspaper columns and note how many people die about forty-nine, the seventh recurring period of seven years. This is the climacteric period of human life. There is no doubt that the body may be fortified against that that the body may be fortified against disease, and physical vitality increased by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Thousands have proven the truth of this statement and have de-clared that they owe their lives to Dr. Pierce's wonderful "Discovery." Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are very effective in cleansing the body of foul accumulations which promote the development of disease.

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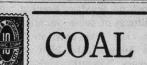
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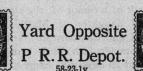
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