

#### MY SKIES ARE SELDOM GRAY.

I've had my share Fve had my share
Of earking care,
Of fickle Fortune's frowns;
Fve braved and borne
Tae cold world's scorn
And had my ups and downs.
Yet I can still
A ditty trill
Or sing a roundelay;
For though I hold
Nor lands nor gold,
My skies are seldom gray!

The stress and strife
Of toilsome life
Have taught me one glad truth
Not he who must
Crawls in the dust,
But he who will—forsooth!
And so I sing
My song, and fling
My load of care away;
For though I hold
Nor lands nor gold,
My skies are seldom gray!

I would not give I would not give
A fig to live
Divorced from fret and moil;
The bread I eat
Is rendered sweet
Because of my daily toil.
And so I still
A ditty trill—
A bithesome roundelay;
For though I hold
Nor lands nor gold—
My skies are seldom gray!
—James Ball Naylor, in National Magazine.

# The KIDNAPPED MILLIONAIRES

A Tale of Wall Street and the Tropics & &

By FREDERICK U. ADAMS

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#### CHAPTER VII.—CONTINUED.

If that young lady anticipated any prolonged resistance on the part of Mr. Chalmers she was unaware of the traits which had been developed by his newspaper experience as managing editor of the Record. He would have been delighted to have been able to offer a reward of a mil-lion. He attempted to convince Miss Carmody that it would be a good plan to make the reward \$350,000, of which the Record should contrib-\$100,000, but she would not listen to it, and for the first time in his mers to his reflections. The man-career the young journalist was dicaging editor leaned back in his chair

tated to by an outsider.
"I will tell you what we will do," he said, as he comprehended the possibilities and rose to the occasion.
"We have a large staff, but not large of the secret. He placed his feet enough to meet this emergency. I on the desk and allowed his mind to will detail ten of our best men to wander at will over the dark fields this work. Then I will secure ten of the mystery. There was no thoror twelve of the best men from other oughfare. Chalmers leaned back un-New York papers. Then there are til the office chair threatened to fall. Some famous detective reporters in He then stood up, kicked it savagely, Chicago. We will have them. We will scour the country for all the talent which money can purchase. I chanically he picked up Mr. Van

will take personal charge of this force, map out a plan, and keep at it. We shall succeed; I know we shall succeed; I know we shall succeed."

Miss Carmody clapped her hands in her joy and enthusiasm. All traces of sorrow and care had disappeared from her face. She sprang to her feet and grasped Mr. Chalmers' hand. There was nothing of boldness in this action, nor did Mr. ed girl who loved her father and appreciated the hearty sympathy which Mr. Chalmers expressed in his offer of co-operation.

"You are just splendid!" she declared, her eyes dancing with excitement and pleasure. "I do not know how to thank you. You are right; we are certain to find papa. Oh, II she said, with a little sigh, as she returned to her seat, "I will do all I he returned to his desk and me-can. You will let me know everything that happens, will you not, Mr. Chalmers'

"I will put in a private telephone and have it connected with your residence, if you will give your consent,"

Mr. Chalmers replied.

"That is an excellent plan," said He Miss Carmody. "Then it will not be necessary for me to come to your office and take up your time as I am now doing.

"You need not let that disturb you," replied Chalmers, with a broad smile. "Now that we are partners in this enterprise, I am going to be so bold as to ask you to be permitted-as Mr. Van Horne's personal representative-to call at your residence as occasion may demand, make a more consecutive report of what has been done than I could over the telephone.

"It is unnecessary for me to give you permission," said Miss Carmody. "You may consider it a standing in-vitation, with as much of the nature of a command as I have a right to

\$250,000 which Miss Carmody offers, is \$750,000. That's an odd-looking mused Chalmers as he sorted over the number. It ought to be a million."

He went to the telephone, and for

an hour was busy. He talked with for stuff on his yacht, I suppose representatives of the families of Rockwell, Kent, Haven, Pence and Morton, and each agreed to pledge going to the Record's reward fund. Chalmers was supremely happy. He sent for the foreman of the compose Hestor is a queer fish. He left New York the night these ing room and designed a new cap-tion, the first line of which read: "THE RECORD OFFERS ONE MIL-LION DOLLARS REWARD!!" He then called Miss Carmody by tele-phone, and informed her what had been done. That young lady was delighted, but assured Mr. Chalmers that she would take it upon herself to see that the missing men paid every dollar of the reward. This was a mere detail to Chalmers, and when he had finished his talk with Miss Carmody, the foreman returned with the new headline. Chalmers pinned it to the wall and stood off and admired it with the rapt expression of an art devotee lost in contemplation of a newly-discovered Raphael.

"Print it in red," he said to the foreman. "Run it clear across the page. Below we will string a solid row of six half-tone portraits of the missing millionaires."

Chalmers was a busy man during the two days following the interview with Miss Carmody. He detailed ten of his men to exclusive work on the mystery and at considerable expense secured 15 others from rival New York papers. Chicago was drawn on for five reporters, and he induced ten from other cities to join his newspaper detective force. This gave

him a staff of 40 men.

John L. Stevens, of Chicago, was the most famous police and detective reporter of the country, and, after an interview with Mr. Chalmers, was appointed chief-of-staff under the diect supervision of the managing

"I have no theory about this mys tery, Jack," said Chalmers, after they had discussed the case in all its de-"I have certain vague suspicions, but they are not founded on facts, and they may be dismissed from consideration."

"By the way, has that man L. Sylvester Vincent been heard of?" "Who is he?" asked Chalmers.

"You had a paragraph about him yesterday," said Stevens. "He Is missing from the Broadway Central hotel. Has not been seen since Mon-day night. He may have something to do with it. I have sent a man to hotel. Chicago for his record."

Stevens went away and left Chaland gazed for a long time at the ceiling. Then he lit a cigar and blew I on the desk and allowed his mind to

boldness in this action, nor did Mr. said he was compelled to make a Chalmers construe it as such. It was the joy natural to a generous-hearted girl who loved her father and appreciated the hearty sympathy Hestor. Of course it's only a coincidence; but I cannot help thinking about it."

Chalmers paced up and down the room with his head thrown back and his eyes half closed in thought. He attempted to recall every word and action of Hestor's during the days immediately preceding his departure.
"It's too deep for me," he said, as

chanically picked up the Van Horne cablegram. "What does Hestor want in the Mediterranean? How in thunder am I going to reach him? He turned the knob on the door to

Hestor's private office. It was locked, and Chalmers knew it was locked.

He sent for the janitor.

"Have you a key to that door?"

"No, sir. Mr. Hestor has the only

ey," the janitor replied.
"Take off the lock and put in a new
ne," he said. "We must have a room for Mr. Stevens and some of his men. Hestor may be mad but I can't help

Chalmers entered. The heavy oak desk was closed. At the base of the door, opening into the hall, were a number of letters which had been dropped through a slit by the post-When Hestor returned from his long expeditions he frequently found a bushel basket full of accumulated letters.

There were perhaps a dozen letters now lying on the floor. Chal-mers picked them up and looked at the inscriptions. Three were in CHAPTER VIII.

CHALMERS HAS A SUSPICION.

Before the New York Record went or press on the day when Miss Helen and threw them back on the floor. One bore the name of a big read as follows:

St. Petersburg, Russia, May 4.
William Chalmers: Offer in my name for work on case. Spare no expense.

ROBERT VAN HORNE.

"That settles it," said Mr. Chalmers, as he read and reread the yellows alip. Let's see; \$520,000, and the corrects."

Tow did you work of the paper. It turer. The fifth contained the address of a dealer in smoked and canned meats. There was one from a plano house, and another from a dealer in guns, fishing tackle and sporting goods. There were several there is the read and reread the yellows alip. Let's see; \$520,000, and the corrects.

To william Chalmers, Managing Editor the New York Record: L. Sylvester Vincent is the kidnapper. He formed plan in Chicago, May 8.

To William Chalmers, Managing Editor the New York Record: L. Sylvester Vincent is the kidnapper. He formed plan in Chicago two months ago. Has been seen in conference with specific man and other contained the proper left hand corners.

"Hestor is quite a business man," aused Chalmers as he sorted over the etters. "These are bills. I know a till as a cat knows his home. Bills or stuff on his yacht, I suppose. letters, "These are bills. I know a bill as a cat knows his home. Bills locate him. Hestor would be glad to take hold of a mystery like this. It is right in his line."

Mr. Chalmers sent for a reporter named Benson, a cautious, self-pos-sessed gentleman who could extract information from sources barren to all but the select few who are masters of the art. It was not necessary to waste words with Benson. He thoroughly understood his business. "Here are some business addresses, Benson," said Chalmers, handing him a slip of paper. "I promised Mr. Hestor I would attend to certain bills as they became due. Go to these



WHY DID HE GO?

houses and ask for itemized state ments of any bills against Mr. Hestor. If necessary explain that Mr. Hestor has suddenly been detailed to work abroad and that through an oversight he neglected to leave the key to his room where his mail is delivered. You should have no diffi-culty. Merchants seldom object to the prompt settlement of accounts. This is a personal matter, concern-

ing no other member of the staff."

Mr. Benson bowed, said not a word and quietly left the room. Late in the afternoon he was admitted to Mr. Chalmer's office. He produced from a deep inside pocket a small package and handed it to Chalmers. "There they are," he said.

"All of them?" Mr. Benson nodded an affirmative

turned on his heel and vanished.

Mr. Chalmers examined the slips with much interest. The first one was from a furniture house. It was an itemized bill for a long list of articles, among which were the fol

lowing:		
Twelve brass bedsteads @\$ 40.00	\$	480.00
Twelve hair mattresses 35.00		420.00
Thirty-six chairs 4.00		144.00
Twenty-four chairs 6.00		144.00
Twelve leather sofas 75.00		900.00
Two leather sofas 125.00		250.00
Twelve center tables 40.00		480.00
One dining table		300.00
One sideboard		500.00
Two library cases 125.00		250.00
Twelve willow rockers 10.00		120.00
Twelve rugs 60.00		720.00
One rug		250.00
Four writing desks 100,00		400.00
Miscellaneous furniture	1	1.600.00

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Chalmers studied these items long

and earnestly.
"Looks as if Hestor had started a "Looks as if Hestor had started a hotel or boarding house," reflected the managing editor. "A 12-room boarding house. That is not the kind of furniture he would put up in a New York house. He has his own bachelor apartment. I have been in it scores of times. It is full of furniture, and mighty fine furniture."

He read and reread the furniture

He read and reread the furniture bill. Then he leaned back in his chair and invoked the resources of a memory trained to its work and responsive as the muscles of an ath-

lete or the fingers of a virtuoso.
"It is about a year," he reflected, since Hestor invited Bob Van Horne, Blake and myself to dinner at the Waldorf, and after dinner we went to his apartment. He was loquaciously mysterious about some house he was uilding. Bob Van Horne had been talking about a summer joint he was oing to erect out on Long Island. Hestor said he was building one which would make Bob's look like 30 cents. He raved about the scenery and all that. Seems to me as if he said something about palm trees. Bob asked him where it was, and he shut up like a clam."

Chalmers reflected. "He said 'palm trees' all right. Seems to me as if he said something about alligators Then he closed up and said noth

Chalmers examined the other state ments. They were bills of various kinds—for stocks of canned goods, smoked meats, condensed milk and multitudinous articles which would be used by a well equipped camping party. They were dated between the 25th and 29th of April, and were rendered on the first of the month. It was late in the afternoon when he was through with this work. About 11 o'clock that night Chal-

Chalmers wired the impetuous Seymour to send nothing except a brief statement of the facts he had learned; not for publication, but for the private information of Mr. Stevens and himself. Chalmers then York the night these men disappeared. Where did he go? Why did he go? Van Horne wants him to work on this case. It is my duty to asking him to call at her residence if convenient, and in 15 minutes an automobile landed him at the Carmody mansion.

He found Miss Carmody with Miss Edith Le Roy, Miss De Neuville and Mrs. Isabel White, the latter being the widowed aunt of Miss Carmody, and a most charming chaperone to that young lady. Mr. Chalmers was acquainted with all the ladies ex-cept Mrs. White. All were eager for the latest news. Mr. Chalmers repeated Mr. Van Horne's instructions about the reward, and displayed a copy of the headlines and the leading article for the following day. He told what had been done in the way of forming a detective staff.

"We now have 40 men detailed ex-clusively to this work," he said. "Ten are with Mr. Stevens at Provincetown and others are at various points selected by Mr. Stevens and myself. I know you ladies will ex-cuse me if I ask for a few minutes' private conversation with Miss Carmody. We must all do what we can to advance her interests, and this is a matter in which she is especially concerned, and no precautions can be omitted."

"Certainly we will excuse you," said Mrs. White.

"Why, of course," said Miss Le Roy and Miss De Neuville. But these young ladies were devoured of curiosity and would have given anything quietly to have stepped into the adoining room and overheard the subdued conversation between Miss Carmody and the managing editor.

Chalmers briefly recited the story of L. Sylvester Vincent and told of the telegram he had received from Seymour at Chicago.
"This is a clew well worth following," said Mr. Chalmers. "I do not sup-

pose you have ever heard your fath er speak about a man named Vin-

Miss Carmody was sure that her father had never mentioned the name. It was an odd one and she would have remembered it.

"Did Mr. Vincent ever call here? Your butler or footman might know." Miss Carmody rang a bell. A serappeared.

Smith I wish to see him," "Do you keep the cards of all who call on Mr. Carmody?" asked Miss Carmody as the butler stood in the

doorway. "Yes, Miss 'Elen."

"Bring me the cards which have een received in the past three or four weeks.' The butler bowed, disappeared, and oon returned with a formidable as-

sortment of cards. These were spread out on the table, and Miss Carmody and Mr. Chalmers began an examination of them.

[To Be Continued.]

# BUT SCANT PRAISE.

Honest Effort That Was Not Sufficiently Appreciated to Encourage a Renewal.

The old saying that "praise to the face is open disgrace" is still firmly believed by some people. A young woman who was brought up by her New England grandpulped. New England grandmother, a notable housekeeper and example of thrift, says that the adage was a household guide in her family, relates an exchange.

One day her grandmother went off to pay a visit and the ambitious girl of 16 scrubbed and polished swent and dusted until it seemed as if there was nothing left to do. Her heart beat high with the hope of a word of commendation as she sat in the kitchen doorway, waiting for her grandmother's return.

When the old lady arrived she looked about her with keen eyes, but there seemed no chance for criticism, until, stooping down under the kitchen table, which stood near the open door, she saw that the south wind had wafted a bit of fluff from the henyard.

With eyes that would twinkle in spite of herself, she pointed an acusing finger at this evidence of care essness, and said, soberly:

"Janet, my dear, I see there's a eather in the kitchen. It's high time I came home!"

# Not a Secret Order Man.

"I didn't know you were an Elk," said a man, after shaking hands in Broadway with an acquaintance whom he had not seen for several weeks.

"I am not an Elk," replied the one addressed. "In fact I do not belong to any secret order. Why did you say that?

"But you gave me the 'grip,' " persisted the friend. "How did you

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