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He studied her in silence for a mo-The grand duke, who had played po | pile, with separate jerks. He jerked ment, and then he put his hands on ker in America and fan-tan in China her cheeks, and drew her gently and roulette in Monte Carlo. and all towards him. Still smiling into his the other games throughout the world. latter. eyes, she held up her lips, and he smiled with his impressive big eyes. kissed her. and put his hand up under his beard.

commented.

"They cannot be purchased."

Allison amusedly

"I'd like to say something jolly before I go," he said as he rose; "but I can't seem to think of it."

Gail laughed, but there was a trace of moisture in her eyes as she took his arm.

right, I should expect my property in-"I'd like to help you out, Dicky, but terests to be guarded, even if I had to can't think of it either," she reappeal to international equity; but I turned. am not."

She was crying a little when she went up the stairs, and her mood was not even interrupted by the fact that Aunt Helen's door was ajar, and that Aunt Helen stood just beyond the crack

"Why, child, that Egyptian black is running," was Aunt Helen's first observation.

Gail dabbed hastily at the two tiny must collect our revenues as we can, rivulets which had hesitated at the and we are as frank as Americaos curve of her pink cheeks, and then she put her head on Aunt Helen's shoul-

der, and wept softly. "Poor Dicky," she explained, and

then turning, disappeared into her own room. Mrs. Helen Davies looked after her

speculatively for a moment; but she decided not to follow.

myself and those I represent." "Then we'll make it an annual pay-

The Maker of Maps.

CHAPTER XIX.

There began to be strange new stirrings in the world. Money! From the land which was its home and place wide seas, and made potent whisper ings in the ears of the countries where money is despised and held vulgar They all listened. The particular potency lay in the fact that the money was so big, which took away tremen vulgarity.

the wide land of the frozen seas humbled himself to plain Ivan Strolesky at the sound of that whisper, and hurried westward. A high dignitary of an sities. empire upon which the sun never sets hid his title under a plebelan nom de plume, and stalked stolidly away westward to that whisper of despised American money. From the land of fashion, from the land of toys, from the control of its present graft-ridden the land of art and music, from the land of cherry blossoms, from the land of the drowsing drug, from the land of the flashing jewels, from the tands of soon can we obtain possession?" the burning sands and the lands of the midnight sun, there came the highest of power; and they all, light and

out a cigarette, he jerked out a match, and jerkily lit the former with the "I am here," he said.

"I am able to give you some impor-"The matter then seems to resolve tant diplomatic news," Allison advised itself into a question of price." he him. "Your country is about to have a war with your ancient enemy to the "No; protection," responded Allison. east. It will be declared within a "If I were buying these railroads outmonth."

"It will be finished in a week." prophesied the neat-waisted caller, his active eyes lighting with pleasure "Possibly," admitted Allison. "I un-

"No." admitted the grand duke. dorstand that your country is not in the best of financial conditions to un-"The proposition resolves itself then dertake a war, particularly with that into a matter of virtual commercial ancient enemy." seizure," Allison pointed out, "The banking system of my country

The grand duke, still with his hand is patriotic." returned the caller "Its in his beard, chuckled, as he regarded only important banks are controlled under one system I am the head of "I shall not mind if you call it pi that system. I am a patriot!" and he racy," he observed "We. in Russia, tapped himself upon the breast with deep and sincere feeling.

"How much revenue does your poabout it. Returning to your matter of sition yield you personally?"

protection, I shall admit that the A shade of sadness crossed the only agreement upon which we can brow of the neat-waisted caller. secure what you want, would not hold "It does not yield you this much." in international equity; and, in conse-

and Allison pushed toward him a little slip of paper on which were in-The caller's eyes widened as they

his shoulders He pushed back the slip of paper. "If your banking system found it

impossible to be patriotic, your gevernment would be compelled to raise money through other means. It would not withdraw from the war."

"Never!" and the neat-waister caller once more touched himself on the breast.

"It would be compelled to negotiate loan. If other governments, through some understanding among their bankers, found it difficult to provide this loan, your government would find it necessary to release its ownership or at least its control of its most valuable commercial possession."

The caller, who had followed Allison's progressive statement with interest, gave a quick little nod of his head

"That most valuable commercial possession," went on Allison, "is the state railways. You were convinced by my agent that there is a new and powerful force in the world, or you would not be here. Suppose I point out that it is possible to so cramp your banking system that you could not help your country, if you would; suppose I show you that, in the end. your ancient enemy will lose his identity, while your country remains inin the way," he calculated "He will tact; suppose I show you that the course I have proposed is the only way open which will save your coun

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friendship. "This looks like a conspiracy," she commented, glancing towards the of abode it leaned over across the study, which was thick with smoke "It's an offensively innocent one." returned Manning, giving the rector but small chance. "We're discussing plans for the new Vedder court tenementa." "Oh!" observed Gail, and radiated a distinct chill, whereupon Rev. Smith

teous compliment, exchanged inane duct its share of the negotiations on | adieus with Mrs. Davies and young a strictly commercial basis, while it Van Ploon, and took his committee

patting Gail's hand affectionately.

The rector stood by, waiting to greet

her, after Manning had monopolized

her a selfish moment, and the newly

aroused eye for color in him seized

upon the gold and blue and red of her

straight Egyptian costume, and recog-

nized in them a part of her endless

variety. The black on her lashes. He

was close enough to see that; and he

marveled at himself that he could not

Gail was most uncomfortably aware

of him in this nearness; but she

turned to him with a frank smile of

disapprove.

Mrs. Davies remained but a moment or so She even seemed eager to retire, and as she left the library, she cast a hopeful backward glance at the dancing-eyed Gail and the correct young Van Ploon, who, with his Dutch complexion and his blonde English mustache and his stalwart American body. to say nothing of his being a Van masculine perfection. He was an eligible who never did anything a second

and Nicholas Van Ploon, and fell. We If the anxious Aunt Helen had

insist on our cathedral, and Doctor counted on any important results from Boyd's plan seems the best way to this evening's opportunities, she had get it, though even that may necessi- not taken into her calculations the adroitness of Gail. In precisely five minutes Van Ploon was on the door-"Rebuilding," returned Sargent "We step, with his Inverness on his shoulcan put up tenements good enough to ders and his silk hat in his hand, with pass the building inspectors and to out even having approached the elabolast fifteen years. With the same rate introduction to certain important rents we are now receiving we can remarks he had definitely decided to offer them better quarters, and, as make. Gail might not have been able Doctor Boyd suggested, redeem our- to rid herself of him so easily, for he selves from some of the disgrace of was a person of considerable momen tum, but he had rather planned to make a more deliberate ceremony of the matter, impulsive opportunities

& GEORGE RANDOLPH CHESTER and LILLIAN CHESTER COPYRIGNE 1914 BY ' THE RED BOOK ILLUSTRATED & C.D.RHODES ORPORATION SYNOPSIS. Uncle Jim strode out with a hearty -13-greeting, and, at the sound of the

At a vestry meeting of the Market Square church Gail Sargent tells Rev. Smith Boyd that Market Square church is apparently a lucrative business enter-prise. Allison takes Gail riding in his motor car. She finds cold disapproval in the eyes of Rev. Smith Boyd. Allison starts a campaign for consolidation and control of the entire transportation sys-tem of the world. Gail becomes popular. Allison gains control of transcontinental tem of the world. Gall becomes popular, Allison gains control of transcontinental traffic and arranges to absorb the Ved-der court tenement property of Market Square church. Gall tells Boyd that the cathedral Market Square church proposes to build will be out of profits wrung from squalor. At a meeting of the seven finan-rial magnates of the country. Allison or-ganizes the International Transportation company. Rev. Smith Boyd undertakes Gail's spiritual instruction and Gail un-consciously gives Allison's new sub-the Vedder court problem for him. On an inspection trip in Allison's new sub-her and Arly back to New York. In the midst of a struggle with the dregs of hu-suddenly finds that he is a real living "and loving-man. He proposes to Gail but, on the verge of acceptance, she re-members their religious differences, and refuses. Through Allison's connivance with the political boss Vedder court is condemned by the city as unsalitary Rev. Smith Boyd proposes to the vestry to replace the old Vedder court buildings with model tenements.

CHAPTER XVIII-Continued.

"I attend a vestry meeting now and then," he replied, and then he laughed shortly. "I'd rather do business with forty corporations than with one ves- | Boyd, divesting himself of some courtry. A church always expects to conexpects you to mingle a little charity back into the study. with your end of the transactions."

"The Vedder court property," she guessed, with a slight contraction of her brows.

"Still after it." said Allison, and talked of other matters.

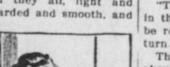
Jim Sargent returned, and glancing into the little reception tete-a-tete as he passed, saw Allison and came back. "I didn't expect to see you so soon." Ploon represented to her the ideal of wondered Allison.

"We broke up in a row," laughed Jim Sargent. "Clark and Chisholm too early or a second too late, or dewere willing to accept your price, but viated by one syllable from the exact the rest of us listened to Doctor Boyd things he should say.

A black-bearded grand duke, from and the annual payments thereafter



swarth, and bearded and smooth, and



ment," decided Allison, putting away some figures he had prepared "We'll make it a sliding scale. Increasing each year with the earnings." The grand duke considered that proposition gravely, and offered an, amendment.

"After the first year," he said. "We shall begin with a large bonus, however.

Allison again put out of his mind certain figures he had prepared to sugdously from its despicableness and its gest. Apparently the grand duke needed a large supply of immediate cash.

would need to be decreased accord ingly, with still another percentage de-

ducted for profit on the duke's neces-"Let us first discuss the bonus," proposed Allison, and quite amicably they went into the arrangement, whereby Ivan Strolesky filched the only valu

able railroad lines in his country from possessors, and handed it over to the International Transportation company "By the way." said Allison. "How

Ivan Strolesky put his hand in his beard again, and reflected. "There is only one man who stands be removed immediately upon my re-

There was something so uncanny try from annihilation? What then?" about this that even the practical Allison was shocked for an instant, and then he laughed. "We have still much to learn from your country." he courteously con fessed When Ivan Strolesky had gone, Allison went to his globe and drew a bright red line across the land of the frozen seas. There came a famous diplomat a heavy blond man with a red face and big spectacles and a high, wide, progress and threw him and his horde round forehead. back to eastern Europe His true ori "I do not know what you want." ental name, a name which is retained

quence, the only protection I can give you is my personal word that you will scribed some figures. not be molested in anything which you wish to do, providing it is pleasant to read the sum. He smiled He shrugged

tate a four or five years' delay." "What's his plan?" asked Allison.

this whole proceeding. Clever, sensible idea, I think."

Gail was leaning forward, with her fingers clasped around her knee; her not being in his line of thought brown eyes had widened, and a little | red spot had appeared in either cheek; her red lips were half parted, as she looked up in wonder at her Uncle Jim.

"Is that the plan upon which they have decided?" and Allison looked at his watch.

"Well, hardly," frowned Sargent. "We couldn't swing Clark and Chisholm At the last minute they suggested that we might build lofts, and the impending fracas seemed too serious to take up just now. so we've tabled the whole thing."

Allison smiled, and slipped his watch back in his pocket. "It's fairly definite, however, that

you won't sell," he concluded.

"Not at your figure," laughed Sargent. "If we took your money, Doctor Boyd would be too old to preach in the new cathedral."

"He'll pull it through some way." declared Allison. "He's as smart as a whip."

Neither gentleman had noticed Gall She had settled back in her chair during these last speeches, weary and listless, and overcome with a sense of some humiliation too evasive to be properly framed even in thought She had a sense that she had given away something vastly precious, and which would never be valued. Neither did they notice that she changed suddenly to relief. She had been justified in her decision.

She took the reins of conversation herself after Uncle Jim had left, and entertained Allison so brightly that he left with impatience at the tea party which monopolized her.

Later, when Rev. Smith Boyd dropped in, he met with a surprising fun, and I want to make you take me there were pain and suffering, and in- pretty things to you, that now, when expressible hunger, but in hers there I am in such desperate carnest, there's have business out of the way was only dancing frivolity; a little too nothing left but just to try to tell you ebullient, perhaps, if he had been wise, how much I love you; how much I enough to know; but he was not

that evening Houston Van-Ploon se- scious tenderness, he gazed earnestly others I do not care for." dately escorted Mrs. Davies and Gail into her eyes. His own were entirely into the library, one of those rooms without that burning glow which he which appoint themselves the instinc had, for so long, bestowed on all the tive lounging places of all family inti- young and beautiful. They were al- fessed in excellent English. "I had mates. Gail turned up her big eyes in most somber now, and in their depth understood that you wished to control lay, but when Allison was alone, he cause mad dogs. sparkling acknowledgment as the punc- was a humble wistfulness which our entire railway system." tillous Van Ploon took her cloak, and, | made Gail's heart flow out to him. at that moment, as she stood grace-

A tall young man in an inverness walked rapidly past the door while Van Ploon was saying the correctly clever things in the way of adieu; and before she had closed the door on Van Ploon, Dick Rodley walked into the house with careless assurance. "Gracious, Dicky, you can't come

in!" protested Gail, with half frown ing, half laughing remonstrance. "It's a fearful hour for calls."

"I'm a friend of the family." insisted Dick, calmly closing the door benind them and hanging his hat on the rack. "I guess you've forgotten the program."

"Oh, yes. the proposal. Well, have it over with."

"All right," he agreed, and taking her arm and tucking her shoulder comfortably close to him, he walked easily with her back to the library Arrived there, he seated har on her favorite chair, and drew up another one squarely in front of her.

"I'm going to shock you to death." he told her. "I'm going to propose seriously to you."

Some laughing retort was on her lips, but she caught a look in his eyes which suddenly stopped her.

"I am very much in earnest about it, Gail," and his voice bore the stamp of deep sincerity. "I love you. I want you to be my wife."

fidingly frank for him to mistake it.

a pain of which they neither one had b lieved him capable "This is the they could. first time I ever proposed, except in want you!" He stopped, and, holding brought up to date by hand. "The The study door was open when late her hand, patting it gently with uncon-



"Poor Dicky," She Explained, and Walked Into Her Own Room.

large and small, and robed and trousered, centered toward the city of are not less than a dozen causes upon strong men, and, one by one, presented which war could be started without themselves, in turn, to a grave and difficulty," went on Allison. "In fact, silent, kinky-haired old darky by the name of Ephraim.

One motive alone had dragged them over sterile plains and snowy mountains and bounding seas; the magic whisper of Money!

Through Ephraim they came to the stocky, square-standing, square-faced chess player who was called Allison They found him pleasant, agreeable, but hardly of their class. He was so forceful as to be necessarily more or less crude, and he had an unpleasant said Allison easily. "I have made fashion of waving aside all the decent "Dick," protested Gail. and it was little pretenses about money. That she who reached out and placed her was the fault of this whole rude coun- time than any man in the world, than hand in his. The action was too con- try, where iuxury had been brought to any government; wealth beyond hanthe greatest refinement ever known in dling in mere currency. It can only be "I was afraid you'd think that way the history of the world; it was so conveyed by means of checks. Let me about it," he said, his voice full of devoted to money, and the cultured show how easy it is to write them,"

To Ivan Strolesky Allison was frank and filled out the stub, and tore it out. and friendly, for there was something and handed it to the visitor for inspecand disconcerting vivacity. In his eyes seriously. Gail, I've said so many in the big Russian which was different tion. The visitor was properly pleased from these others, so he hastened to

The grand duke looked them over with a keen eye.

"I am rather disappointed," he con-

"I do," assented Allison; "but I don't other long. red mark. "I can't Dick," she told him, smiling wish to pay out money for them all. fully poised, she caught the gaze of affectionately at him. "You're the If I can acquire the lines I have of carefully selected hairs and a lux-Rev. Smith Boyd fixed on her with dearest boy in the world, and I want marked, the others will be controlled uriant black mustache, called on Alli- Bill, what's your wife doin' now? such infinite longing that it distressed you for my friend as long as we live; quite easily from the fact that i shall son, and laid down his hat and his "Workin' in the cannery."-Buffalo have the only outlet."

said the visitor, regarding Allison with unchanged in the German tongue, was a stolid stare. "I have come to see." "I merely wish to chat international mighty thing, a mountain, a river, parpolitics," returned Allison. "There is an old-time feud between you and your neighbors to the west."

"That is history," replied the visitor noncommittally. "We are now at peace." "Never peace," denied Allison,

There will never be friendship between phlegmatism and mercurialism. You might rest for centuries with your neighbors to the west, but rest is not peace."

"Excuse me, but what do you mean?" and the visitor stared stolidly.

"In your affairs of mutual relationship with the land to the west, there you require perpetual diplomacy to prevent war with that country."

The visitor locked his thick fingers quietly together and kept on stolidly staring.

"You are about to have a war," Allison advised him.

"No, it is not true," and the visitor went so far, in his emphasis, as to unlock his fingers and rest one hand on the back of the other.

"I think I am a very fair prophet." money by my prophecy. I have more of rables. The important point, how money at my command at the present suspected of being rabid, regardless of the season of the year, should receive proper attention gentlemen did their best to get all and, drawing a blank book to him he wrote a check, and signed his name, with Allison's ease in penmanship. bitten should report at the depart

"I see," was the comment, and the ment for treatment. "Here are your lines," he said, check was handed back. He drew his spreading down a map which had been straight-crowned derby towards him. from three to five days after the first "I have made a mistake," said Allisymptoms are observed. Individuals ones I want are checked in blue. The son. "I have left off a cipher," and bitten by rabid dogs, unless under correcting this omission with a new treatment, become sick in from nye check, he tore up the first one. to nine weeks. The popular belief

"I see," commented the visitor, and that individuals may develop symp put the second check in his pocket. toms several months or years later is as false as the belief that Dog Days

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