EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1917

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Second Assembly Will Be Given Tonight in llroom of the Bellevue-Stratford-Pageant to Be Held in Opera House-Ivy Ball

D tonight we are to have the second ably; and dinners, my dears, ave I dreamed of so many. I uspect that every one who sub-to the ball will be wined and dined rd. Any way, I think you will my opinion when you have read of the dinners and who they w. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wharton t will entertain and Dr. and Alexander Randall will give a din or Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fox, Jr. on-in-law and daughter; Commandwards F. Leiper and Mrs. Leiper we a dinner for Frances Leiper and Ashhurst; the Charles M. Leas will in for Helen James, and the Francis Gummeys for Margaret Then Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ridgwill give a dinner for Eleanor of New York; Mrs. Arthur will entertain for her daughter Brock, and Mary and Elisabeth d will be given a dinner by Fran Wood. The George Harrison Fraziers. Ledyard Heckschers and the Antony will also give dinners. Charne Rush and John Drayton, whose enment was announced last fall, will be testained by Mrs. Norman Jackson. des these affairs, the Yorke Stevenwill give a dinner and musicale and and Mrs. Charles Hart a dinner for abeth McMichael. And there are any my finger tips for the moment. Mrs. Tilghman has recovered from the

breakdown which prevented her receiving at the first Assembly, so wohable that no patroness will have be replaced tonight. Last time, you mber, Mrs. Cap Morris replaced Tilghman

The ball will be very gay, for since the one the Troopers have returned from border and there will be many there.

THEN we have the pageant up at the Metropolitan, where Mrs. Lloyd is to represent Youth in "Realization," and Frank Lloyd to ride upon a camel bord for the purpose from the Zoo? nd Mary Mitchell and Aimee Hutchinand I don't know how many Assemare to take part. Methinks 'twill quite some spectacle, but I doubt if Lloyd makes any better appearance the did last night and the night bee at "An Evening in Rococo."

DESIDES the Assembly and the pag-Deant we have the Ivy Ball, which will s given out at Weightman Hall, and so my of the younger set will want to be re that I am wondering how in the d people will be able to divide theminto three and even four and atdinners, pageant, Ivy ball and Asly. How can they do it?

BEAT excitement was caused at a recent supper-dance when one young in the room produced from his cket ten one-hundred-dollar bills and uplayed them gayly to his friends. sent spread about and finally any person in the room had heard about and necks were craned and much dodgabout pillars done that the curious th see this devil-may-care young genan who carried a thousand dollars ose in his pockets. I wonder what his int was? I have always been taught was rather vulgar to display one's th, and so I carry my little hundred inds modestly in my pocketbook and sidom bring it to the light of day, much ma to the eyes of my many friends. It's mistake. Take it from me, that man



Photo by Marceau, MISS CORNELIA LEIDY

Miss Leidy, who is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Leidy, is wear-ing the fantastic costume in which the fantastic cost of the second sec she appeared last night in the Junior League performance of "An Evening in Rococo."

William Potter, Mr. William S. Robinson, Mr. Edward H. Trotter, Mr. Francis J. Welsh, Mr. Charles D. Barney, Mr. James W. Cooke, Mr. Edward A. Casey, Mr. William T. Elliott, Dr. Thomas H. Fenton.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Parker and their daughter, Miss Marion Earle, and Mr. Jack Parker, of 133 Township line, Jenkintown, have taken a house at Oak Lane, which they will shortly occupy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ingraham, of Chicago, have taken a house on Cloverly lane, Rydal, which they will occupy about March 1 and where they will make their home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coffin. of Hansberry street. Germantown, will give a dinner at the Germantown Cricket Club February 22. The guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Charles Youngman, Dr. and Mrs. James Nichol, Mr. R. H. Newbern, Mrs. Burton Ethering-

Miss Hagel Coffin will leave on Sunda; for Boston, where she will visit friends for several weeks.

At the musicale to be given Sunday afternoon at the Plays and Players the follow-ing artists will be heard: Miss Edna Har-wood Baugher, Mr. Alton K. Dougherty, Mr. Henry M. Gratz, Mr. Frederick Sharpe and

Mrs. Logan Feland. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brush, of Carpenter street, Germantown, gave a dinner last night before the Cresheim Dancing Class. Their guests were Mirs. Herbert Bayne, Miss Miriam Partridge, Mirs. Paul H. Denniston, Mr. W. Price Hull, Mr. Allan Earnshaw and Mr. Vincent Brecht

and Mrs. J. W. Hammond, of Milford, Del., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Wood Hammond, and Mr. Harrison Fari Baldwin, of New Haven. Conn. Mr. Baldwin was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the class of 1915.

Pause A surprise reception was given at the home of Mrs. William J. McAvoy, 2105 South Third street, on Tuesday evening. February 13, to welcome her husband, Sergeant William J. McAvoy, of Battery C. The sergeant told of his experiences on the border in the Big Bend district, where his company did patrol duty for several nonths Supper was served at 10:30 o'clock. The his wife dining room was beautifully decorated with the nation's colors and signs of welcome Speeches of welcome were made by the Rev David Leyshon and Mr. Samuel Savage, Jr More than thirty guests were present. ear.

PITTSBURGH GROCERS WON'T SELL POTATOES

Retail Men Drop Them Off List When Price Jumps to \$3.75 a Bushel

PITTSBURGH, Peb. 16.—Retail grocers in many parts of the city have refused to handle potatoes as the price hit \$3.76 a bushel, the highest in history. Declaring that housewives have enforced a boycott, the grocers assert that the vegetable is a dead stock on their hands.

Even the wealthy class refuses to pay the exortiant price demanded for tubers and has substituted rice, the grocers say. Hucksters say they are unable to dispose of their potatoes, as customers will not pay the price and take a chance on getting frozen potatoes.

As the result of the stand of the grocers. potato prices tumbled and quotations as low as \$3 a bushel were found at several Late yesterday, as the result of the stand

quotations as low as \$3 a bushel were found at several places.

A report was current that rice producers had cornered the potato market in order to dispose of their abundant rice supply, but produce men laughed at this and said that the increased export to Europe was the real cause of the boost in prices.

Bequest to Presbyterian Missions

Bequest to Presbyterian Missions CARLISLE, Pa., Feb. 16.—The Presby-terian Board of Missions profils under the will of W. D. Green, late of Caritsle, which has been filed here. One-sixth of his es-tate, which is estimated at about \$56,000, goes to mission work and the remainder to his wife and sister. Of the sum for mis-sions, 47 per cent is to be for foreign and 63 per cent for home missions, 15 per cent of this latter amount going to the Penn-sylvania Synod.

Farmer Smith's Column

THE HUMAN SIDE

Dear Children-Once upon a time I worked on a newspaper where there was a city editor whom I regarded as IN-HUMAN. He used to roar around like a

A city editor, my dears, is a man-A city editor, my dears, is a man-the ONE man-on a newspaper who knows the city directory by heart and who calls every-body in town by their first names. He can see through safes, brick walls, smiles, frowns and such things. That is, I think le can.

Well, one day I did a very funny thing to this city editor. I gave him something I did not want myself—in fact. I wanted to get rid of it. I regarded it as uncless. But that city editor smiled and was simply tickled to death with my present.

IT TOUCHED HIS HUMAN SIDE. (Grown-ups must not read beyond here us is a secret for my own dears.) Did you know that every one-not only

this city editor, but every one-has a HUMAN SIDE. If you can only find it? That big, fat policeman on the corner has a human side; yes, he has. Perhaps he has children of his own. I know lots of GRUFF policemen who have lovely chil

dren. That "step lively" conductor on the troiley car has a human side, if you will but look for it. How my heart goes out to those children

who FEAR their father, for he, even your father, no matter how low he has sunk, has a HUMAN SIDE. Will you look for it? And now, have YOU a human side? want to touch it with this talk. Have

succeeded ? d7 Your loving editor, FARME. SMITH.

MISS ANN GORA GOAT

By Farmer Smith "Hello !"

Pause. "Yes, this is Billy Bumpus."

"Oh. it's you, Miss Ann Gora ! Well AM glad to hear your cheery voice this morning. Pause, during which Billy shifts from

THE CHIMNEY CORNER

Harut looked at me with evident respect. muttering: "Oh, Macumazana, you what you Eng-

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THE IVORY CHILD

By H. RIDER HAGGARD Author of "Marie. ion's Mines," "She," ate.

CHAPTER XVI-(Continued)

those to whom your high priest has given safe-conduct; those moreover by whose help atone, as your Oracle has just declared, you can hope to slay Jana and destroy his hosts? HUS said the Child; 'Lift no hand A against the three who remain, and what

between the altar and the enuctuary, en-tered on an earnest discussion with him, Watching their faces I could see that there was a strong difference of opinion between them, about half taking one view on the matter of which they disputed, and half another. At length Harut made some proposition to which they all agreed. Then the door of the sanctnary was opened with a strange sort of key which one of the nriests produced, showing a dark interior in which gleanmed a white object. I suppose the statue of the Child. Harut and two others entered, the door being closed behind (hem). A against the three who remain, and what they shall ask, that give, for thus alone shall some of you be saved from Jana and those who serve him, even though the Guardian and the Child be taken away and the Child itself return to its own place. These are the words of the Gracle uttered at the Feast of the First-fruits, the words at the Feast of the First-fruits, the words hosts? "How do they know that?" should another voice. 'They are magicians! They are magicians!'

"Yes," I remarked, "all magic does not well in the hearts of the White Kendah, dwell If you doubt it, go to look at the Watcher in the Cave whom your Oracle told you is dead. You will find that it did not lie." that cannot be changed and maynap it Harut ceased, and there was silence while

As I spoke a man rushed through the gates, his white robe streaming on the wind, shouled as he emerged from the this portentous message sank into the minds of his audience. At length they seemed to understand its ominous nature tunnel:

and from them all there arose a universal simultaneous groan. As it died away the "O Priests and Priestesses of the Child. the ancient serpent is dead. I whole office it is to feed the serpent on the day of the new moon have found him dead in his house." two attendants dressed as goddesses as-sisted the personification of the Lady lists to rise from her seat and, opening the robes upon her breast, pointed to something beneath her throat, doubtless that birth-mark shaped like the new moon which made her so sacred in their eyes, since she who here it and she along could fill her "You hear," I interpolated calmiy,

A out five minutes later they appeared again and a pricat, not Harut, made some communication to the others, who listened earnestly and after renewed consultation signified assent by holding up the right hand. Now one of the priests walked to where we were and, bowing, begged us to advance to the aftar. This we did, and we stood in a line in front of it. Hans being set in the middle place, while the priests ranged themselves on either aide. Nost Harut, having once more opened Father of Snakes is dead. If you want know how I will tell you. We looked on and it died." They might have answered that poer Say

age size looked on it with the result that he died, but luckily it did not occur to them to do so. On the contrary, they just stood the door of the sanctuary, took his stand a little to the right of it and addressed us, not in English but in his own language, pausing at the end of each sentence that still and stared at us like a flock of startled sheep.

ing it high above her head, where the appendix the second with the deepest venera-tion. Then, still holding the effigy aloft, the still holding the seffigy aloft. Presently the sheep parted and the sheep herd in the shape of Harut appeared, look-ing, I reflected, the very picture of Abra-ham softened by a touch of the melancholta "Lords Macumazana and Igeza, and yel-low man who is named Light-in-Darkness," he said, "we, the head priests of the Child, speaking on behalf of the White Kendah people with full authority so to do, have taken counsel together and of the wisdom of, the Child ak to the demands which you make of us. Those demands are: First, that after you have killed Jana and de-feated the Black Kendah we should give over to you the white lady who was born in a far land to fill the office of Guardian of the Child, as is shown by the mark of the new moon upon her breast, but who, bepassed into the sanctuary and doubtless thence by a covered way into the house beyond. At any rate we saw her no more. Job, that is, as I have always immerined use patriarchs. He bowed to us with his oal Oriental couriesy, and we bowed back him. Hans's bow, I may explain, was As soon as she was gone the congrega-tion, if I may call it so, leaving their of the temple through its eastern gate, which was now opened. Here the priests proceeded to distribute among them the of the most peculiar nature, more like a skulpal, as the Boers call a land-tortoise. skupal, as the Boers call a land-tortoise, drawing its wrinkled head into its shell and mutting it out sgain than anything else. Then Harut remarked in his peculiar Eng-lish, which I suppose the White Kendah took for some tongue known only to magiofferings taken from the altar, giving a grain of corn to each of the men to eat and a flower to each of the women, which flower she kissed and hid in the boron cians: of her robe. Evidently it was a kind of

of the Child, as is shown by the mark of the new moon upon her breast, but who, be-cause for the second time we could not take her, became the wife of you, the Lord lgzza. Secondly, that we should conduct you and her safely out of our land to some "So you get here, ch? Why you get here. w the devil you get here, ch."" "We got here because you asked us to do

Ragnall lifted himself a little upon his hands and knees, and I saw that his eyes glowed and his face was very pale. "What are you going to do?" I asked. "Demand that hose beople give me back my wife, whom they have stolen. Don't so if we could." I answered, "and we thought rude not to accept your invitation. For e rest, we came through a cave where ou kept a tame snake, an ugly looking repie but very harmless to those who know to stop me, Quatermain, 1 mean what w to deal with snakes and are not afraid them as poor Bena was. If you can spare skin I should like to have it to make "But, but," I stammered, "they never will and we are but three unarmed men.' Hans lifted up his little yellow face be myself a robe.'

ish call cool

What's Doing Tonight

Aero Club of Pennsylvania, Bellevus-Stratord, 8 o'clock. Members. Illuminating Engineering Society, Engi-neers' Club, 1317 Spruce street, 8 o'clock. Members. Robert Morris Club of the University of Pennsylvania, 1721 Arch street, 8 o'clock. Members. St. Columbia Parish Club, dance, Parish Hall, Twenty-third street and Lohigh sve-nue, 8 o'clock. Admission charge. Annual show, West Walnut Club, Kniphts of Columbus Hall, Thirty-eights and Market street, 8 o'clock. Admission clurge.

and Market alreet, a bouck. Administration charge. Protestant Episcopal pageant, Melro-politan Opera House. Admission charge. University Hospital Nurses' Alumnas dance, Houston Hall, Invitation.

University of Pennsylvania Tyy ball, Weishtman Hall. Invitation. Autrim Men's Society ball, Mercantile Hall. Invitation.

fall. Invitation. Second Assembly ball, Believue-Stratford. Invitation

Invitation, Philadelphia Castle, No. 1, Knights of the Motor World, Hotel Vendig, Invitation, Ordway Tead speaks on "Industrial Com-fliot and Its Prevention," Robert Morris Club. Members. Charles Theodore Carruth lectures with lantern slides on "Il Beato Angelico" in Taylor Hall, Bryn Mawr, at \$ o'clook. Free.

Merchant Tailors' Association dinner, St.

James Hotel. Members. Prof. B. R. Baumgardt gives an illus-trated lecture on "Florence in the Days of the Medici." Witherspoon Half, under sus-plose of University Extension Society. Ad-

University Musical Clubs, Normal School,

Admission charge. Banquet of American Society of Marine Draftmen, Hotel Adeiphta, 8 o'clock. Mem-

Annual Ball of Roscommon Men, Eagles'

Admission charge Lecture, "Social Theory and Social Work," by Dr. Carl Aronovici, School of Social Science, 438 Walnut street. Admission charge.



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From Feb. 16, to March 1, inclusive 10 TO 6 DAILY, 1 TO 5 SUNDAY ADMISSION FREE



asked by no less than ten "friends" lean them various sums from \$10 to that very evening. I do not know if NANCY WYNNE. omplied.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wharton Lippincott. 1112 Spruce street, will entertain at mer tonicht before the Assembly. Their rests will include Mr. and Mrs. Theodore uil, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wistar Brown, Mr. Mrs. Charles Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Movell V. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. And Mrs. Sydney Martin, Mr. ad Mrs. W. W. Bodine, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. John Gilpin, f. and Mrs. Patrick Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. John Forsyth Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wharton Lippincott. th Sims. Mr. and Mrs. John Forsyth R. 2d. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hare Davis. Marguerite Anzias de Turenne, Mr. Mrs. Edward W. Clark, 2d. Miss Helen on, Miss Harriet Deaver, Brinton, Miss Harriet Deaver, Juse Bry Alice Clay, Mr. R. Elliston Thompson, r. Allen Butler, Mr. John Brock, Mr. Neil-Edwards, Mr. William Paul O'Neill and Joutenant Ford Todd, U. S. N.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis Scull, of Authon place, Overbrook, will entertain an informal lunchson on Sunday after-sen in honor of Colonel Andre Kalpach-Hon-Camac, of the Russian Red Cross. and Camac, of the Russian Red Cross, be will make an address at the home of and Mrs. Horace Brock, at 1920 Spruce rest, on Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock, witations for the reception to Count machnikoff were issued recently. The sats at the luncheon will include Miss me Thomson, of Corker Hill, Merion; Frank Graham Thomson, Miss Cella anna, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. State Count Kalpachnikoff will be the st of Miss Thomson and her brother ins his stay in this city. Mrs. Scull durman of the Russian committee of Energency Aid.

and Mrs. Edward W. Clark, 3d. who for several weeks occupying the home Mr. and Mrs. W. English Dallam, on mahickon avenue, in Germantown, have Marguerite Anglas de Turenne, of Marguerite Anglas de Turenne, of Mrsal, as their suest. Mr. and Mrs. of will occupy their new home, on Lin-n Drive, in St. Martins, in a couple of

and Mrs. Roland Taylor, of 1812 De by place, will entertain at dinner be-the dance to be given on Washington's day at the Germantown Cricket Club.

and Mrs. Ten Brocolt Runk, who have making their home in Jacksonville, for the last few years, have taken a on Berkelsy road, Haverford, which will compy shortly.

the occupy shortly. the Orpheus Chub concert tomorrow at the Academy of Music, the "Old made up of members who have re-five a period of fitteen years or more tive adapting will entertain the members of the olub at supper clubrooms, 1530 Chestnut street. as will include: Wr. Alexander Van lasr, Mr. C. Hartman Kuhn, Mr. J. Kienm, Mr. Clement S. Phillips. Thomas H. Shoemakar, Mr. Wil-Van Lenney, Mr. Occar F. Wealts. The Baker, Mr. Arthur W. Howe and Baker, Mr. Strenger, Fahne-

Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Harkness, of 1720 North Twenty-eighth street, entertained at dinner followed by dancing last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilson, of \$28 North Twenty-fourth street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Anna K. Wilson, to Mr. Raymond G. Pennington. of Colwyn, Pa.

Mrs. John Kozel, of 2617 North Orkney street, gave an afternoon tea on Wednesday from 3 until 5 o'clock. The guests included Miss Hazel Bleshing, Miss Gertrude Goss and Mrs. John Smith.

The marriage of Miss Esther M. Len-non, daughter of Miss Esther M. Lennon, of 5131 Westminster avenue, and Mr. Bradley G. Cook, of 57 North Fifty-second street, took place on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Church of Our Mother of Sorrows. The ceremony was performed by Father McShea. The bride was attended by Miss Edith Lennon, a sister, as maid of honor, and Mr. James Lannon was the best man. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Cook will live at 5131 Westminster avenue. will live at 5131 Westminster avenue.

"Caught in a Trap." a comedy in four acts. under the direction of Mr. Joseph P. Mooney, will be given on Monday night in St. Columba's Hall, Twenty-third street and Lehigh avenue, in ald of the Church of the

St. Columba's Hall, Twenty-third street and Lehigh avenus, in ald of the Church of the Holy Souis. Among those who will par-ticipate will be Mr. James Duncan, Mr. Harry Gibbs, Mr. Peter Gibbs, Mr. Daniel Taylor, Mr. Michael Harrington, Mr. Mon-rague Vaughn, Mr. Stephen Denby, Mr. John Riedemann, Mr. Robert Endy, Mr. Walter Riedemann, Mr. Joseph P. Mooney, Mr. Jømes A. Bergan, Mr. Harry Foots, Mr. William A. Bruckner, Mr. Paul Allen, and Miss Nora Rutledge. Miss Sarah Peabody, Miss Ethel Cartwright, Miss Amy Cart-wright, Miss Alice Harrington, Miss Doro-thy Spratt, Miss Flora O'Neill, Miss Amelia Clercs, Miss Marion E. Wilson and Miss Anna R. McKeever. The maater of properties is Mr. Vincent Coll ; assistant, Mr. Joseph E. McKeever and assistant, Mr. George McHugh.

Mr. Albert L. Francis, of 849 North Twenty-fourth street, entertained his class of the Philadelphis Textils School at his home last evening. Among those present w.re Mr. Philip Erricson, Mr. Cecile Gil-more, Mr. Bidney Morganstern, Mr. John Haggerty, Mr. John Hurst, Mr. Adolph Campbell, Mr. Robert Reinhardt, Mr. Nelson Newmark, Mr. Donaid Brown, Mr. F. George Francis, Mr. Charles Jencks, Mr. Frederick Speacht, Mr. Sidney Kapp and Mr. Louis Hary. Mr. Albert L. Francis, of 849 North

A vaudeville and dance to be given under the auspices of the Western Union Educa-tional Society in Moose Hall, 1312-14 North Broed street, tomorrow evening, at 8:15, for which reheatwais have been in progress for some wests, gives promise of a fine entar-tainment. The entire cast, consisting of forty-five round men and women, has been frawn from the employee of the local officer

Pause, during which buy shire the one foot to the other. " Isee, you want me to send you fifty doltars for the dress YOU SAY I spoiled. What? I did, did I? I'm so sorry, real-

Pause, during which Billy beckoned to "Tell her you will buy her another dress." whispered Mrs. Bumpus in her husband's

"Yes, I see. Now, I tell you what I will do, Miss Ann Gora, I'll buy another dress for you. Yes. Is there anything else you can do for me. WHAT?"

Pause. "No, I did not say WHEN I would buy

you another dress. I simply promised you a dress. When I say a thing I mean it. A promise is a promise. Good-by." Billy hung up the receiver and wiped

the perspiration from his forehead. "When you once make people a trouble it crops up in all directions. I sup pose we will never hear the last of that paint pot you spilled on Miss Ann Gora's dress." Mrs. Bumpus sighed. "Suppose you buy her a new dress. Will a dollar be enough?" Billy feit in his

pocket.

"You dear, why a dollar would not buy

"You dear, why a dollar would not buy a buttonhole for a dreas." "Maybe it would buy a button and she could sew the dress around the button." sug-gested Billy, still feeling in his pockets for money. "I tell you what I'll do—I'll give you fity dollars and you can give me back the change." "There will not be any change," said Mrs. Bumpus firmly.

Mrs. Bumpus firmly. "What happens to 'he difference between

"What happens to 'he difference between what the dress will cost and my fifty dol-lars?" asked Billy. "That is charged up to your experience." "Haven't you any experience cheaper than that?" asked Billy sorrowfully. "EXPERIENCE is aiways expensive." re-bled Mrs. Burmus, "aven if we profit by it."

plied Mrs. Bumpus, "even if we profit by it." "Oh, me! Oh, my !" sighed Billy, as he counted out the money.





The Lord Baas wishes to get the lady dressed like a bird as to her head and like one for burlal as to her body, who is, he ways, his wife. But for us to take her from among so many is impossible. Now what did that old witch-doctor Harut de clare just now? He declared, speaking for his fetish, that by our help alone the White Kendah can resist the hosts of the

Black Kendah and that no harm must be done to us if the White Kendah would continue to live. So it seems, Baas, that we have something to sell which the White Kendah must buy, namely our help against the Black Kendah. for if we will not fight for them, they believe that they cannot

tween us. "Baas," he hissed. "I have a thought

two attendants dressed as goddesses

made her so sacred in their eyes, since she who here it and she alone could fill her

All the audience and with them the

priests and priestesses bowed before her She lifted the symbol of the Child, hold

seats, swarmed down into the outer cour

holy office.

conquer their enemies and kill the devil Jana. Well now, supposing that the Baas mays that our price is the while woman dressed like a bird, to be delivered over to us when we have defeated the Black Kendah and killed Jana-after which they will have no more use for her. And sup-posing that the Baas says that if they

refuse to pay that price we will burn all our powder and cartridges so that the rifles we have are of no use? Is there not a path to walk on here?"

"Perhaps." I answered. "Something o

the sort was working in my mind but I had no time to think it out." Turning, I explained the idea to Ragnali, adding

adding: "I pray you not to be rash. If you are, not only may we be killed, which does not so much matter, but it is very probable that even if they spare us they will put an end to your wife rather than suffer one whom they look upon as holy and who is neces-sary to their failth in its last struggle to be separated from her charge of the This was a fortunate argument of mine and one which went home. "To icse her now would be more than I could bear." he muttered.

could bear." he muttered. "Then will you promise to let me try to manage this affair and not to interfere with me and show violence?" He hesitated a moment and answered:

"Yes, I promise, for you two are clevered than I am and-I cannot trust my judg ment

"Good." I said, assuming an air of con fidence which I did not feel. "Now we will go down to call upon Harut and his friends. I want to have a closer look at that temple.

So behind our screen of bushes w

temple." So behind our screen of bushes we wriggied back a little distance till we knew that the slope of the ground would hide us when we stood up. Then as quickly as we could we made our way eastward for something over a quarter of a mile and after this turned to the north. As I ex-pected, beyond the ring of the crater we found ourselves on the rising tree-clad bosom of the mountain and threading our path through the codars, came presently to that track or roadway which led to the sattern gate of the amphitheatre. This road we followed unseen until presently the through it without attracting any atten-tion, perhaps because all the people were either taiking together of praying, or per-haps because like themselves we were wrapped in white robes. At the mouth of the tunnel we stopped and I called out in a loud voice:

the tunnel we stopped and I called out in a loud voice: "The white lords and their servant have come to visit Harut, as he invited them to do. Bring us, we pray you, into the pres-ence of Harpt." Every one wheeled round and stared at us standing there in the shadow of the stateway tunnel, for the sun behind us was still low. My word, how they did stare! A voice oriset: "Will them I Kill these stranges who describe our temple."

at our temple."

"No," I answered. "Although you did not happen to notice us, we have been present at your church service and heard and were everything. For instance, we saw the wife of the lord here whom you stole away in Egypt, her that, being a liar, Harut, you swore you never stole. Also we heard her words after you had made her druck with

your tobacco smoke." Now for once in his life Harut was, in at us, then, turning quite paie, lifted his eyes to heaven and rocked upon his feet as though he were about to fail. "How you do it? How you do it, eh?" he queried in a weak voice.

"Never you mind how we did it, my iend," I answered loftily, "What we

Child there, she stop there till she die. "The here." broke in Ragnali. "Either you give me my wife or some one else will die. You will die, Harut. I am a stronger man than you are, and unless you promise to give me my wife I will kill you now with his stick and my hands. Do not move or all out if you want to live."

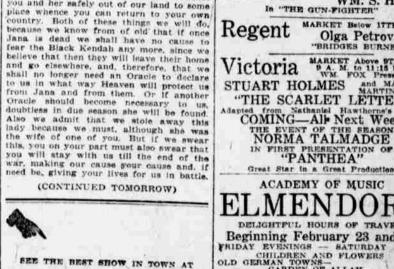
"Lord," answered the old man with some "Lord," answered the old man with some dignity, "I know you can kill me, and if you kill me, I think I say thank you who no wish to live in so much trouble. But what good that, since in one minute then you die, too, all of you, and lady she stop here till Black Kendah king take her to wife or she too die of horsel?"

or she too die of horself?" "Let us talk." I broke in, treading warn-ingiy upon Ragnall's foot. "We have heard your Oracle and we know that you believe its words. It said that we alone can help you to conquer the Black Kendah. If you will not promise what we ask, we will nor help you. We will burn our powder and melt our lead, so that the guns we have cannot speak with Jana and with Simba and after that we will do other things that I need not tell you. But if you promise what we ask, then we will fight for you against Jana and Simba and teach your men to use the fifty rifles which we have have with us, and by our help you shall conquer. Do you understand?" Do you understand?" He nodded and stroking his long beard,

asked: "What you want us promise, ch?" "We want you to promise that after Janu is dead and the Black Kendah are driver away, you will give up to us unharmed tha lady whom you have stolen. Also that you will bring her and us safely out of your country by the roads you know and mean-while that you will let this lord see his

"Not last, no," replied Harut, "that not possible. That bring us all to grave. Also no good, 'cause her mind empty. For rest, you come to other place, sit down and eat while I talk to priests. Be afraid nothing :

you come to this the set of a straid nothing : you quite safe." "Why should we be afraid? It is you who should be afraid, you who stole the iady and brought Bens to his death? Do you not remember the words of your own Oracle. Harut?" "Yas, I know words, but how you know then that I sot know," he replied. Then he issued come orders, as a result of which a guard formed itself about us and young to the second court of the temple, which was now empty. Here the guard left us but remained at the mouth of the passage keeping watch. Presently women brought un food and drink, of which Hara and I partook heartily, though Rag-nall, who was an new to his how wife and



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yet so far away, could eat but little. Mingled joy because after these months of arduous search he found her yet alive, and fear lest she should again be taken from him for ever, deprived him of all appettle.

While we ate, priests to the number of

while we are, press to the fundation about a dozen, who I suppose had been summoned by Harut, were admitted by the guard, and gathering out of earshot of us between the aliar and the sauchuary, en-

At out five minutes later they appeared

Next Harut, having once more opened

"Lords Macumazana and Igeza, and yel-

might translate to Ragnall.



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