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PART I

If there was a man in the whole of St. Petersburg who had never excited the smallest suspicion in the minds of the secret police it was Alexander Chance Englishman and physician. At one time he had practiced amongs: his fellow-countrymen in the city, but for several years now he had resigned all the more usual work of his profession. and lived a retired life in a large and stately house on the Ligovka canal. The fact of his having such a house with a commodious garden attached proved his wealth, otherwise he lived in a very simple and retired manner. He was a man of between fifty and sixty years of age, thin in appearance, and somewhat ascetic looking. He had an aquiline nose, piercing but small dark eyes, and a full, broad expanse of forehead. In stature he was slightly above the middle height. His manner was courteous, polite, refined, and quite unapproachable. He was spoken of as a man of iron will and undoubted ability. Society, however-the brilliant society of St. Petersburg-saw little or nothing of him-he spent almost the whole of his time within his house, or rather in the laboratories which were attached to the house. He had a wife and two daughters. His wife was of partly Russian, partly German extraction. The girls at the time of this story were sixteen and fifteen years of age respectively. It was their father's wish to have them brought up in the English fashion, and for this purpose he generally had English governesses to teach them. By his fellow physicians Dr. Chance was regarded as a clever man whose whim it was to devote his time to the practice of the obscure branches of the profession. His friends spoke of him as a good fellow, reserved, and amost erank, for surely no one clss with so much wealth would take suca small enjoyment out of life.

It was early in the spring of 1895 that all previous conjectures with regard to Alexande: Chance were overthrown In a city where terrible things are done, and those who are prudent think It best to be siler! about them, his name attained a brief and startling notoriety. For a short time it was in everyone's mouth. The following story told by one of his victims will explain

TOLD BY MADELINE RENNICK.

When I decided to accept the offer of a situation as governess in a Russian family, I bought, amongst other things a small silver mounted revolver and fifty cartridges. I do not really know what prompted me to make this purchare, but I had a certain sense of pleasure in spending a couple of sov-ereigns upon it, and I stowed my revolver carefully away in the very bottom of one of my largest trunks. Refere proceeding to tell this story

had better say one or two words about myself. My name is Madeline Rennick: I am an orphan and have n near relations. When Dr. Chance offered me a hundred pounds per annum to educate his two daughters. I determined to accept the situation without a moment's hesitation. I bade my friends adjeu and reached St. Petersburg without any sort of adventure. Dr. Chance met me at the station. He was a somewhat handsome, but nearsighted man on quite the shady side of fifty. He was coldly polite to me, gave directions about my luggage, and took me straight to his house on the Ligovka canal. There I was received by Mrs. Chance, a lady in every respect the antipodes of her husband. She had a roly-poly figure, a round, moonshaped face, small, pale blue eyes, and a curious and yet thoroughly unsympathetic manner. My pupils were rathr pretty girls, the elder was tall, and had the dark eyes of her father-she had a fine, open expression; her name was Olga. The younger was dark and small in stature, with a piquant and a method of photographing Thought."

pretty face; she was called Maroussa. I stared up at him in astonishment: The girls could talk English tolerably ference. I began my duties on the maniac, or was he sane?

lived in the country ever since he was thirty years of age. He is a great scientist. How your eyes sparkle, Madeline! Are you interested in science "I am very fond of science," I answered; "I have studied chemistry a

good deal for a girl,and I took a science

tripos at Girton." As I spoke I bent over the Russian novel which I was trying to read. The next moment a coldly polite voice spoke almost in my ear. I looked up and saw to my astonishment that Dr. Chance, who seldom or never favored the ladies of his family with his presence, had ome into the salon. He was stooping slightly and was peering at me with his short-sighted eyes.

"Did I hear aright?" he said. "Is it possible that you, a young lady, are interested in science?

Tlike it immensely," I replied. He gave me another look as if he neant to read me through and through, then, stepping back a pace, he spoke. "Your information pleases me," he aid. "The fact is this, I came up just now to ask you to grant me a favor." "Of course I will," I answered; "what

"I suffer from an affection of the eyes. At times I have intolerable pain in the right eye. To use it on such occasions makes it worse. Today suffer torture. Will you come down-stairs and be my secretary for the

"Of course I shall," I answered. The oment I spoke, Dr. Chance moved toward the door, beckoning me with a certain imperious gesture to follow im. I felt myself, as it were, whirled from the room. A moment or two I was alone with the doctor in his cabin-A gentleman's study in Russian houses is always called by this name. The doctor's cabinet was a nobly proportioned room, two-thirds of the walls being lined from ceiling to floor with books, a large double window giving abundant light, and a door at the further end letting in a peep of a somewhat mysterious room beyond.

"My laboratory," said the doctor noticing my glance, "Some day I shall have pleasure in showing it to you. Did I hear you say that you had studled chemistry?" "Yes."

"Then you may be of invaluable use to me; the fact is, Miss Rennick, most vital secrets are brought to light in that room-matters which may eventially set the whole world talking. Now there is not a Russian in the land-I say this advisedly because the children's mother happens to belong to that country-there is not a Russian in the land to be trusted. Suppose I trust you; I can make it worth your

I have plenty of courage-I saw at hat moment that the doctor meant to est me. I looked him full in the face. What do you mean?" I asked. "I can double your salary."

"You pay me as much for teaching our daughters as I think I ight to expect," I answered. The doctor glanced at me from head

"If I give you additional work to do or me, you will be rightly entitled to additional pay-but enough of this Now can you take down rom dictation?"

'Yes, in shorthand." "Splendid! I shall sit here and dictate. Is that pen to your liking?"

"Yes, it will answer admirably." "Now give me your very best atten tion. The paper I am about to dictate to you is to be posted to England tonight. It will apear in the 'Science Gazette.' You doubtless know this

name? "Certainly, I have studied the jour-

nal for years." "Ah! how refreshing to meet such a sensible woman, Well, Miss Rennick, the subject of my paper is, I am quite certain, new to you. I have discovered he met my gaze fully. His deep-set well, and the warmth of their greet- glittering eyes looked something like ing made up for their mother's indif- little sparks of fire. Was the man a

now; when your paper is finished pray leave it on that desk. Be assured that you have my very best thanks." He gave me a long and earnest look, and slowly left the room.

It took me from two to three hours to transcribe what had fallen so glibly from the doctor's lips. Having finished my paper I went upstairs. As I as-cended the long, low, marble stairs which led to the salon on the 3rst floor, the thought of what I had just written kept floating again and again through my brain. I knew enough about science to be interested even in the very sketchy paper which the doc-tor had dictated. Would he ever be in



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?" I ASKED

position to prove his theory? What did the whole thing mean? How could he prove it? By what means?

(To Be Continued.)

## AT THE THEATERS.

"My Friend From India," which will be seen at the Academy of Music tonight, will attract more than usual attention for several reasons. The first is: It is an admirable and amusing take-off on theosophy and the society make-shift of booming the social lion; second it is the novelty of the theatricical year; third, it is the most ex-cruciatingly funny string of dramatic situations presented for a long time; fourth, it is interpreted by the Smyth & Rice comedy company, composed of such competent actors as Frederic Bond and others of his prominence; fifth, because the play is the latest popular comedy success. . . .

Ople Read has been pronounced the American Dickens because of his novel haracter painting in "The Jucklins." The characters are true to life, very of North Carolina soill, where the scene has retained the appetizing flavor, and Stuart Robson has added the laugh- got the nugget, is one of the favorite creating flesh and bloodism of his art. topics of speculation among old-time It is the most pronounced character be and shade of the character give him himself to a long career of debauchery unbounded opportunities. "The Juck- and recklessness. His second fortunate lins will be produced at the Academy find was spent as soon as was his first, of Music to-morrow night,

To those who have read the metro- small, although he searched for years. politan newspapers the announcement hat the Henry Burlesque and Twent Century minstrel company opens this afternoon at Davis' theatre should be very welcome, as no company of reseasons has been more highly lauded. This is the last week of the regular season.

The one particular tragedy event of he season will take place at the Frothingham when the eminent tragedian Frederick Warde will be seen in a round of Shakespearean revivals, presenting on Wednesday evening for the first time in Scrantor Shakespeare's master tragedy "King Lear," at a special popular priced matinee on Thursday "The Merchant of Venice," closing the engagement on Thursday evening with a grand scenic production of 'Richard III." The popularity of Shakespear's grand tragedy, "King Lear," was received in the south is attested by the following from the Houston Post of Texas: "Mr. Warde's prohis productions his excellent taste, his fidelity to the historical detail, and thorough artistic and inteligent devotion to the work in hand. Mr. Warde's leading lady is Miss Florence Ham, of Honesdale, a talented young woman who has many friends in this city.

SONG OF THE MONEY MAKER.

I have smoothed out the hills from the earth And heaped them in the sea;

And the buffalo plains I have riddled with trains That they may fetch dollars to me, I have beaded the rivers with towns,

I have hollowed the mountains with

mines, And fastened a girth round the ends of the earth That is woven of telegraph lines,

And the dollars come home to their own; And the dollars come home to their own;
They know the sound of his voice;
I call my sheep from deep unto deep;
They flock to their fold and rejoice.
For my ships that sail under the world, And my fire steeds out of the West, Come bearing the spoil of a million's toil And the fruits of a world-wide quest,

I stretch me a thousand arms That reach to a thousand seas, And they gather me gain from the land and main And heap it at my knees.

But the man with tife Book comes close His feet with swiftness shod; And the naked man with the savage clan Is told of the white man's God.

(So say the mawkish crew); No delicate strain and no fineness brain That goes with the sifted few. But a man like me must go before Ere the artist comes behind; Through the wild abode I lay the road

am selfish and narrow and gross

That's paved for the march of mind, lead: then the deen-browed sage His treasured word indites; I lead: and the dream-taught bard Sits warm by his fire and writes, The great sky-filling dome

Through me is reared on high; And I glean old books into alcoved nocks

Are not for buch as I, But a man like me must go before Ere the artist comes behind; Through a wild abode I lay the road

NOTABLE FINDS OF CHUNKS OF GOLD

in California. THE ROMANTIC SIDE OF MINING

Blg Nuggets That Have Been Picked Up

Daniel Hill Found Two Fourtunes and Squandered Both -- The Great Martin Nugget and Its Strange Discovery -- A Consumptive's Luck. Other Instance's of Fortune's Sudden Visitation.

The Pomona, Cal., correspondent of

the St. Louis Globe-Democrat writes; The wonderful revival in gold mining throughout the world has caused much discussion as to the largest gold nuggets that have been picked up, and the curious circumstances connected with the discovery of some of the richest deposits of the precious metal in California. The subject is full of romantic interest, and the large fortunes that have been stumbled upon in a day by some gold miners form a perennial source of discussion among all classes of people in the West. The recent meeting of the Miners' association in San Francisco has been the means of recalling a large number of facts connected with the finding in California chunks of gold that have brought their discoverers good-sized fortunes. Colonel Daniel Bailey, of Pomona valey, who is probably the most experired prospector and gold miner in California today, has been constantly engaged in seeking and locating mines since 1856, and he says that the only man he ever knew of who found two very valuable nuggets was Daniel Hill,

who died a poor, miserable pauper in the Los Angeles county almshouse several years ago. In the summer of 1866 Hill was working gold in the placer diggings at the Ruby Belle mine, in Plumas county, away up under the shadow of Mount Shasta, when he ame across, buried in the gravel, a chunk of gold and red-stained, watermarked quartz as large as a horse's hoof. He started off the very next day for Sacramento, where he sold the find at the D. O. Mills bank for \$14,000. In less than a year Hill had spent every dollar of this sum. He squandered over \$5,000 in one week in San Francisco. When his money was gone he went back to work again, and by hard work made an average of a few dollars a day for the next four or five years. But one day in the fall of 1871, while he and companions were camping lonely canyon in the region of Dutch Flats, Nevada county, he stumbled upon another very large nugget. was looking over a small discarded placer mine, and was running the coarse gravel through his hands, while his practiced eye searched for evidence of yellow metal. He steeped down to wash his hands in the brook, when lying there in the running water was a ne characters at the delicious flavor nugget of gold and white quartz similar in size and shape to a baby's head. of the story is laid. In adapting the How the chunk ever got there, and esstory to stage purposes, Daniel L. Hart | pecially how hundreds of hungry goldseekers had tramped over that locality to the character of Lemuel Jucklin for ten years previous and had never miners in the golden state. Hill sold assumed in years, and the light his find for \$12,500, and again abandoned

> found another nugget, either large or GREAT MARTIN NUGGET.

The largest nugget ever found in this state was that known as the Oliver Martin chunk. It welghed 151 pounds, 6 ounces. The precious ore was mixed with white quartz, and it was sold after having been converted into bullion for \$22,270. Hundreds of pictures have been made of the golden mass, and all the schoolboys in California are expected to know the weight, size and value of the famous nugget. There are bronze fac-similes of the chunk in many mineral collections in museums in Europe and America. The nugget was found near Camp Corona, in Tuolumne county, in central California, The date of the finding was Nov. 18 1854. Martin, a poor miner, who had not even the proverbial dollar to his name, and a companion named John Flower, were tramping on their way up country to new diggings. They camped one night in a mountain canyon, when a sudden and terrific rain duction of "Lear," displays as do all storm came up in the darkness. The water in the canyon stream suadenly rose. The miners attempted to climb suggestions of time and scene, and his the hill, but the flood overtook them and both were carried down stream Flower was drowned, but Martin though severely injured, escaped. While trying to bury his companion's body by the roots of an upturned tree Martin discovered the rich nugget that bears his name. He was too weak to move it. He attempted to reach some neighboring miners, but fainted from exhaustion, and was found on the trail When able to walk some weeks later. Martin took them to the spot, and the nugget was removed Martin made the nugget the basis of a large fortune which he accumulated in the next two decades.

In August, 1869, W. A. Farish, A. Wood, J. Winstead, F. N. L. Clevering and Harry Warner were partners in the Monumental claim, near Sierra Buttes, in Sierra country. In the last week of that month they discovered a gold nugget which weighed 1.593 ounces troy. It was sold to R. B. woodward of San Francisco, who paid for it \$18, 345 for exhibition purposes. It afterward melted and about \$16,500 realized from it.

LUCKY FRENCHMEN.

The biggest nugget of gold ever found in Shasta county was discovered in the spring of 1870. One day three Frenchmen, two of whom were named Oliver Longchamp and Fred Rochon, drove into the old town of Shasta in search of a spot to mine. They happened to have some business with A. Coleman, a dealer in hardware and notions. The three asked him where was a good place to mine. He care-lessly pointed in a northerly direction. and said, "Go over to Spring creek." They took his advice, located a claim on the creek, some eight miles north of Redding, and a few days later one of the Frenchmen picked up a nugget of gold valued at \$6,200. Ten years miner named Dent Young found a \$250 nugget on Flat creek, near where the Frenchmen found their fa-

Plumas, though one of the richest mining counties in California, has yielded few valuable nuggets. The largest was found by a Chinaman near the mouth of Nelson creek, and was worth \$2,800. A miner at amizabethtown, named Archie Little, discovered a \$2,600 nugget and Messrs. Hays and Steadman found one above Mohawk valley, near the county line, that weighed 420 ounces and was worth

Sterra is justly famed for its valuable masses of gold, found both pure and mixed with quarts, George H. Norman and Frank Aman found, near Gibsonville, in 1867, a nugget that weighed over 100 ounces and was worth \$1,700. In 1851, at French ravine, a lump of quartz and gold together was discovered from which \$8,000 in gold was taken. In 1855, in the same ravine, a still more valuable nugget of gold was found, and from it \$10,000 was ob-At Minnesota, in the same county, a nugget that weighed 266 ounces was found. This was valued at \$5,000. At French ravine in 1850 a mass of gold and quarta was picked up that weighed 263 ounces and was worth \$4,893. In 1870 a splendid nugget of gold was discovered in the Rainbow mine at Allegheny, which was immediately shipped to London, and was there sold for \$23,000. In 1860 a chunk

county. In Placer county, in 1869, Edward Gilbert, in his drift mine near Butcher ranch, twelve miles from Auburn. found a nugget of gold and quartz that weighed twenty pounds. Eight pounds of this he sold at \$16 an ounce, or \$1,536, while the remaining twelve pounds were sold for \$12 an ounce, or \$1,728 making \$3,246 for the nugget. The same man, many years later, discovered in the same mine another very valuable nugget. It was ten inches long, from three to seventeen inches wide and over an inch thick. The gold was embedded in a mass of crystallized quartz, with clear-cut corners, the sides of which shone with great brilliancy When thoroughly cleaned it weighed 147 ounces, and was sent to the San Francisco mint, where it brought \$2,852 In 1864, near Michigan Bluff, a nugget of pure gold weighing 226 ounces and valued at \$4,204 was found. In July 1876, J. B. Colgrove, of Dutch Flat. found a white quartz bowlder in th Polar Star mine which contained \$5,706

ROMANCE OF PURE GOLD. Among the exhibits in the mining de hat was found in Alpine county by a young woman. The history of the disnia. Harry E. Ellis and his wife came because of the former's serious lung onely cabin. Grizzled old gold miners camp outfit and blankets came by the Ellis camp frequently. One of the men was nursed to health and vigor by ow they might find recreation and He showed them where he be lieved there were indications of goldwork but that he had better prospects a rold, but all without avail. They aban-

ng home the family cow she was seek ing stones to throw for the amusement of the dog. She saw in the coarse gravel a dark, dull, yellow stone and picked it up. "I knew from that mo-ment I picked it up," says she, "that I had found gold, because it was so heavy. but as I had never seen a real nugget was afraid my husband would laugh at me." The nugget has never been utilized in gold working, and is still kept for exhibition purposes. phenomenally clear. The chunk was the size of a croquet ball, but very rough and battered by rolling and tumbling in water for ages. Mrs. Ellis got \$2,250 for that find. She and her husband lost no time in looking for more mineral treasure in Alpine county, but such uck comes but once to 99 people out

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-Ella Wheeler Wilcox in the Sun.

That Decided Him.

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following morning, and for the first [ month of my stay thought that my existence was likely to be an exceedingly monotonous one. At the end of the month very heavy snow with high gales of wind set in, and we could not

On a certain afternoon Olga, Mar-

oussa and I were seated on one of the large divans in the comfortable salon. You must find it dreadfully dull here," said Maroussa. "I hope you won't regret having left England to come to educate us. "Not at all," I repiled; "I have long had a great desire to see Russia, and to

understand something about it and its strange history." "You know, of course, that our father is English." said Olga, "although he pleasure and help you have given me. is now a naturalized Russian. He has Not a word of refusal. I am going out

"You do not believe me," he said and you represent to a great extent the public to which I am about to appeal. I shall doubtless be scoffed at in England; but wait awhile. I can prove my words, but not yet, not yet,

Are you ready?" "I am all attention," I answered, His brow cleared, he sank back on his divan. He began to dictate, and I took down his words assiduously. At the end of an hour he stopped. "That will do," he said. "New will

you kindly transcribe in your best and fairest writing what I have been saying to you?" "Yes," I answered. "And please accept ten rubles for the

That wisdom may not die. Mayhay my brain is coarse, Mayhap my heart is dry, And the scholar's scroll and the artist's

That's paved for the march of mind.
-Sam Walter Foss in the Sun,

of gold that weighed 95 pounds and 6 ounces was discovered in the same

worth of gold. partment at the World's fair three years ago was a nugget of pure gold covery of this chunk is unique in mining, and is cherished by every woman in the gold-mining regions in Califorto this state in 1874 from Philadelphia trouble. They went to live up in the mountains of Alpine county, remote from civilization and several miles from any neighbor. The course got their livelihood by hunting and culti-vating a few acres of land about their with their jackasses laden with grimy lay ill there for several weeks, while Mr. and Mrs. Ellis. The miner rewarded them for their kindness by stating profit in hunting through the canyons and foothills in that region for "pay dirt." earing gravel, that he himself would hundred miles farther up the coast. For days at a time the young husband and wife tramped up and down the gulches in Alpine county looking for specks in doned seeking riches in the placers, and confined their attention to their little

ranch. One afternoon as Mr. Ellis was driv-

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