as if it had closed its eyes in a last

Gerry's tree floated down the river. It swung slowly along near the north shore. Just below it were houses.

They were perched on the cliff. Below

them were more houses and under these the tiled roofs of still other houses just topped the flood. The houses were what was left of Piran-

of loot began to shoot out on the quietening waters. One of them hap-

pened upon Gerry's tree and then upon Gerry. Gerry's eyes opened and then closed again. He scarcely felt

the arms that lifted him. They carried him to the old inn, the miserable

little inn he had left behind on that

A sharp attack of fever followed

old woman of the inn knew no medica-

ments, but she knew fever. She piled blankets on Gerry and let him sweat

it out. On the third day nature, assisted by his magnificent physique, finally

He called the old woman. He asked her if she remembered him. She peered at him. "No, master," she said, "I do not remember you. You are like the

foreigner who was drowned, but he is dead."

he said, "only disappeared."

Gerry shook his head. "Not dead,"

"You are not he," said the old wom-

an. "He could not talk words that one could understand."

Gerry nodded gravely. He felt as though words could never make him smile again. "I have learned," he said. "Now tell me what became of the things I left here?" He went through

the list.

The old woman checked off each

item and then shrugged her shoulders. She led him to a little dark room

whose only light came from the inter-

stices of the tiled roof. As his pupils expanded he began to make out one

after another of the bags that had made up his traveling kit.

"There is a letter," she said, and went off to fetch it. Gerry dragged

the bags out into the light. Their locks were all sealed with the seal of the

American consulate at Pernambuco.

He started knocking off the brittle

wax. The old woman came back with

the letter and handed it to him. He

tore it open. It was a note from the

consul saying that by order of Gerry's wife his things had been sealed and

left at the inn, telling him where to find the keys. The room, he learned from the old woman, had been paid

for regularly, at first by the month, then by the year. She felt no resent-

ment at his return, only resignation. "You are the only guest I've had since

you went away," she said quaintly and

"Fear nothing," said Gerry kindly.

consider the room engaged by me for

He carried his bags into the room

overlooking the river and then lay

down. He was too tired after the fever to open them. He knew that the

The next day Gerry sat before his

unpacked bags. He had turned out all their contents. On the bed, the floor, the table and the chairs was

piled such an array of linen and shoes and suits of various cut and weight as

he had once deemed the minimum with which a man could decently travel.

Now they seemed to him wasteful and

futile. The clothes did not carry his mind back as he had expected. The

starch in the linen had gone yellow. He had always hated yellow collars.

The suits struck him as belonging to

someone else—all except one. One sturdy suit of tweed had a cut that

was different from the others. Of all the clothes it alone seemed to have

a personal note-the note he had ex-

pected to find in the bags and had

"You have been faithful.

going to be another ordeal.

the next ten years."

routed the attack.



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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—Alan Wayne is sent away from Red Hill, his home, by his uncle, J. Y., as a moral failure. Clem runs after him in a tangle of short exirts to bid him good-by.

CHAPTER II—Captain Wayne tells Alan of the failing of the Waynes. Clem drinks Alan's health on his outribday.

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CHAPTER III—Judge Healey buys
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a picture for Alix Lansing. The judge defends alan in his business with his employers. CHAPTER IV—Alan and Alix meet at sea, homeward bound, and start a flirtation, which becomes serious. CHAPTER V—At home, Nance Sterling asks Alan to go away from Alix. Alix is taken to task by Gerry, her husband, for hor conduct with Alan and defies him.

CHAPTER VI—Gerry, as he thinks, sees Alix and Alan eloping, drops everything, and goes to Pernambuco. CHAPTER VII—Alix leaves Alan on the train and goes home to find that Gerry has disappeared.

CHAPTER VIII—Gerry feaves Pernambuco and goes to Piranhas. On a cance trip he meets a native girl. CHAPTER VIII—Gerry leaves Pernambuco and goes to Piranhas. On a cance trip he meets a native girl. CHAPTER XII—The judge falls to trace Gerry. A baby is born to Alix. CHAPTER X.—The native girl takes Gerry to her home and shows him the ruined plantation she is mistress of. Gerry marries her.

CHAPTER XII—Alan house Collingeford tells how he met Alan—Ten Per Cent. Wayne"—building a bridge in Africa.

CHAPTER XII—Collingeford meets Alix and her baby and he gives her encouragement about Gerry.

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changed.
CHAPTER XVIII—Alan meets Alix

J. Y. and Clem, grown to beautiful womanhood, in the city and realizes that he has sold his birthright for a haess of pottage. CHAPTER XIX—Kemp and Gerry

CHAPTER XXI-Lieber tells his story. "Home is the anchor of a man's soul. I want to go home."

CHAPTER XXII—In South America Alan gets fever and his foreman prepares to send him to the coast.

CHAPTER XXIII-Alan is carried to Lieber's fazenda, almost dead, and Gerry

CHAPTER XXIV—Alan tells Gerry the truth about Alix and Gerry tells him of Margarita and the baby. Alan wonders and is disgusted.

Her two hands were clenched and held above her gray head. Thin wisps of hair hung about her face. Her face was distorted. She was cursing Gerry, cursing the day of his birth, the day of his coming, the day he had opened his ditch. She swept her arms over the terrible scene and called down the curse of all the ruin and death on his head. But Gerry was beyond hearing. In all the world there was none to hear the old woman. She stood alone: about her the silent waters, above her the blazing blue sky.

The tree shot out of the eddy. The current, the main current from the cleft, caught it squarely and swept it It suddenly shook its long trail of riffraff, and turning and turning. more and more swiftly, swam out on to the churning bosom of the great

The valley had disappeared. Squat-ting on the very level of the far-flung with their rusted metal fittings was bright sun struck a glint of light from its white walls and gave rich colors to its moss-grown tiles. The roof was crowded with fowl and a strange medley of heavy flying birds, glad of a perch on which to rest. Dona Maria went into the house. She closed the great board shutters. The house looked

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