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Captain Brabazon

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CHAPTER XXIII .- (Continued.) of the drawing room was they hung outside for a conlike a couple of Peris a At last they gradually succeed ging their way in, and found an

g room with seats all down and an impromptu stage a her end, immediately facing the was a huge picture frame filled curtains, which, when parted, some scenes. Just at the pres of whispering and laughing, as mins slowly parted and revealed indemed form, thrown out by s ckground. The present person as beautiful enough to represent a thousand ships. The audied at the lovely living picture for me in appreciative silence, then curtain gradually hid her from gaze, they burst into long and rty applause. The tableau was over, ple began to talk, to look about finally to move, and a great wave of seeing which our two friends re ted and sought sanctuary, with other the stairs, from which coign of can-

past in double review order. We will have to go and make our boy tude," said Captain Gee; "and this gives splendid chance of seeing who is the stream of people now pouring out of the doorway. "Look at that lady with the long neck and big eyes; she is thought a great beauty. She's not my style," superciliously. "Do you see those two ming out? They are American heir-And that's a very pretty girl in ack, behind the big woman in red satin. What do you think of her here's nothing like England, home and Here she comes! Now. aw within two steps of him on g an enormous white bouquet, arm-in h a ruddy-faced young man, who king to her with enger empress She was listening with a smile gaze bent on the ground. A block in to face with her faithless Cousin And it would be hard to say which the paler of the two. This sudden ng was a shock to both. Each saw, other the embodiment of two years' ation-standing within two feet.

Esme was certainly the most startled. She had been thinking of Miles as far in South Africa, among the Boers and Kaffirs, and to come upon him quite mexpectedly in a crowd on a London nearly turned her to stone. She so overwhelmed with astonishment stared vacantly at him without any token of recognition, and in another ent, pressed forward by the crowd. the had passed downstairs. Gee, who had been looking at ser with all the power of his keen, little, light eyes, was amazed at the instantaneteration her face had undergone

soft curves about her smiling lips, and her lovely color had disappeared as if nagic, and left instead a rigid expression and a deathlike pallor. Was she going to faint? Who or what had been the of this electrical effect? He glancd involuntarily at his friend, and beheld the same extraordinary change reflected ountenance. The look of easy, indifference had given place to the of proud immobility; and yet he was even through his African tan. What siled him? What ailed her? The secret was revealed to him in one flash-he was generally very successful in jumping to the girl in black was Esme, poor Teddy's sister, Miles' forsaken

Before he had time to put his thoughts hto the form of a question a very ittle, dark lady, clad in primro and blazing with diamonds, had paused in front of his companion, with a exclamation, and, holding out her ery eagerly, exclaimed: g. Miles! It is Miles! Who on

ould have expected to find you How very rude of you not to come me. Pray, where have you drop-

South Africa this morning," he d laconically, and now with complete's restored self-possession. Trent," said Gussle, sweetly, now g to her cavalier, and withdrawing

and from his arm with affected re-"this is my cousin, whom I've for ages, just home from the If you don't mind I'll go down and, with a charming smile nt was coolly dismissed, and re he had time to realize the ad himself walking downstairs m with Gussie, leaving Captain g after them with an expresof indignant amazement, and muttering angry einenlation sunder his little

CHAPTER XXIV.

. Hepburn was by no means a stupid nn, and he had not failed to nother's violent start, her sude, and her sinking color. In bia d he attributed these symptoms k, soldierly looking fellow they sed on the stairs. Her faint re-I I glass of water, the shaking it may appear, was content, at any rate resigned, to range himself as friend. If be had wanted further testimony that her

could never be his, it had now out out to him abundantly. ome here!" cried the tactless. reckiess Augusta, who considered it a good thing to get this meeting over, and resolved that it should take place in her presence. "She would not miss it for anything," she told herself, smphatically; and it was best to put everything on a comfortable footing once

arrived to-day!" pointing to him with her Of course Esme saw Miles; she was no olind. She put out her hand very promptly, and said, in a cool, civil tone of voice "How do you do, Miles?" meeting he late lover's troubled gaze with the utmost

He uttered something inaudible. He was not nearly as self-possessed as the young lady; but then she had been school ing herself for this ordeal, and she would sooned die than allow her faithless cousin to imagine that he was anything to her now but the most indifferent acquaintance.

Mr. Hepburn and Gussle gazed with interest at this little drama in real ife. It was a tableau vivant not inc ed in the program; one at which they were the only spectators, although the room was crowded; none but they knew that the couple before them had not met since the eve of what was to have been their wedding day! They seemed like the rest of the company to the casual, careess eye-a tall, pretty, pale giri, a bronsed, dark young man, talking society platitudes; but sharp-sighted Guarie of how grave Miles was, how strangely set his mouth, how formal his sentences; an Mr. Hepburn was not to be deceived b Miss Brabazon's present easy manner and soft, society smiles—they were as sumed for the occasion.

"Miles, I wish to present you to Mrs Bohun," spoke Captain Gee, and Miles, estic hostess, and uttered one or two dis ointed remarks, was despotically borne way, and introduced to a lively young maiden in an aesthetic white garmen with a tousled head, adorned with a very Miles mechanically conveyed his part

ner to the music room and found her seat. Luckily for him she was a very lo quacious individual: he had only to smile r nod, and drop an occasional monosyl lable, to maintain his share of the conve sation; and all the time he was revolving this one burning question in his head "How am I to get away?" To be force to meet Esme and Hepburn-to stand calmly by and see another man in his place—was unbearable! Esme and Mr Hepburn were seated in a window nearly opposite, and, do as he would, he coul bent on the ground. A block in not help seeing them—nor resist looking at them. The young lady beside him. had been relating one or two interestin anecdotes of the company to his inatter tive ear, observed that his eyes frequen ly strayed in one direction, and quite mis interpreting his gaze, said: "I see you are looking at Miss Brabs

zon; is she not too utterly perfect—just a picture? I know her; we attend the same "Indeed!" now all close, concentrated ttention.

"She is such a nice girl, and immensel admired, but she does not care for any thing of that sort. I do think it is so sweet of her," pausing and surveying

Esme, with melancholy meditation.
"What do you mean?" rather sharply Why does she not care?" "There is," promptly responding to this sudden show of interest, "a very romantic

story about her. They say she will never marry, because once," lowering her voice. "she cared very much for some man; he was in the army, I believe, the wedding lay was fixed, indeed the bride was dress ed, the church decorated, and he never came; he left the country. Was it no quite too utterly awful? Some people say ed with someone else. Still it was a frightful thing to happen to any girl, was

it not?" opening her eyes very wide, and surveying her companion interrogatively.
"Why—who told you this? How did
you hear it?" he asked, in a strange voice.
"An intimate friend of theirs told me. She begged me not to mention it, and, coloring guiltily, "of course I don't; but to you, a stranger, it does not matter. It gives her an interest to you, does it notand accounts for her rather sad and de iiciously weary expression," she concluded, with rapturous enthusiasm.

"I am not a stranger," returned Miles quickly, seized by some ungovernable in pulse that made him speak in spite of himself. "I can tell you even more than what you have been so good as to relate to me. I can tell you the whole story," with a look of stern resolve. "Would you

care to hear it?" "Yes, I should," she returned, with frank curiosity, and a glance of mild interrogation, wondering much at the ex-traordinary change in his voice and man-This new acquaintance of hers with the somber dark eyes and preoccupied manner, was evidently swayed by

variable moods. "Then listen to me," suddenly leaning toward her, and speaking in a low, impressive whisper, an action not lost upon his late lady love. "I was the man."
"You?" ejaculated the girl, faintly "Oh, no, you are joking; you look the very last person in the world, I am sure,

hesitating. "To be guilty of such disgraceful con duct," he added, completing the sentence for her. "Nevertheless it is true; I was the bridegroom who left the country; i was all owing to a mistake, a frightful ielusion, that has cost me pretty dear." There was a frankness and simplicity about this confession that almost tool away his hearer's breath. She looked a him, then she looked across at Esme trying vainly to think of some effective and sympathetic remark, to recover the

power of expression.
"You will think it strange that I should "You will think it strange that I should mand painful agitation; for Miss as a screne, self-possessed young that his case was quite and, strange and uncommon as a strange and uncommon as a delusion about someone else, and I," a delusion about someone e first to last. I fancied—I—I—was under a delusion about someone else, and I," glancing over involuntarily at Esme, who was now quite feverishly gay, "am the was now quite feverishly gay, "am the story only sufferer. If you hear the story only sufferer. If you hear the story only sufferer.

her again, you, at any rate, know the sequel," he added in a low voice.

The mediaeral-looking maiden beside him was mute. Her bewildered, nervous, him was mute. Her bewildered another aghast was she at Captain Brabason's aghast was she at Captain Brabason's amazing announcement as to be quite run amazing announcement as to be quite run and should a dog belonging to man, Kan., about a dog belonging to a clergyman. The authorities want to a clergyman. The authorities want to tax the dog, but the owner objects, tax the dog and confidentially on the back of Eams's chair, presumating the confidence of the

inattentive car, and now and then casting a rapid, but scarching glance over in the direction of Miles; glances wrongly inter-preted by that hot-tempered gentleman as so many triumphant challenges, call-ing to his notice the fact that the jewel he had spurned, and cast away, had been won, and would be worn, by one who

An hour later Mrs. Vashon and her ister were rolling homeward in the little "Well, Esme," exclaimed her chaper

impressively, "was it not extraordinary our meeting Miles to-night? I nearly creamed when I saw him on the stairs positively thought it was his ghost! How nice he is! I wish poor dear Freddy had a little of his good looks. All the ame, looks bring in no income, and you are not to think of him, my love." She paused expressively, and drew up the

"You need not alarm yourself, Gus everything was at an end long ago be-tweep Miles and me," she replied with an averted face, and a shade of frost in

(To be continued.)

BEAUTY'S GREATEST FOE An Ill-Temper Is Always Sure to Ruin

Ito Victim's Beauty. nore wrinkles in one night than hot and cold bathing and massage and complexion brushes and creams and lotions can wash out in a year's faithful application. Physicians assert that an immense amount of nerve-force is expend ed in every fit of bad temper; that when one little part of the nervous system eyes begin losing the luster of youth. nuscles become flabby, the skin refuses to contract accordingly, and the inevitable result is wrinkles, femininity's hercest and most insidious foe. There s no use attempting to reason with s per while she is in an ugly mood. She knows perfectly well that it is bad form; that it savors of the coarse and underbred; that it is weak and belitting and immoral, and that it hurts her

adds fuel to the fiames. But when she is cool and serene and at peace with all the world, if you can convince her that each fit of temper adds a year to her age by weakening her mental force by tracing crowaround her mouth, she will probably think twice before again forgetting erself. For no matter what she asserts to the contrary, woman prizes youth and beauty above every other gift the gods hold it in their power to bestow upon mortals.—Woman's Home

cause to lose her temper. But she does

not stop at just that time to think about

it, and to remind her of the fact only

Odds and Ends.

as telegraph operators in the Postof Building of Manchester, England. In the United Kingdom an income £170 per annum will pay this year 10s. tax. Before Sir William Harcourt ar-ranged matters it would have paid £2

It is the law in Maine that the bounty for bears must be paid when the ani-mal's nose is shown, and in New Hamp-

mai's nose is shown, and in New Hampshire the money is payable on exhibition of the ears.

In England during the past few years, it is claimed, 140,320 farm laborers have been displaced by machinery, while the making of the latter, it is asserted, required only the labor of 4600 men for one year.

Indian "relies" are now being turned

Indian "relica" are now being turned out in regular factories, one of which is located in a nearby county of Wisconsin. The relic makers have a secret process by which an ancient appear-ance is imparted to bones, pots, arrow-

Paris has an invisible defence—the submarine boats that patrol the Seine from Asnieros and Ivry.

In 1890, £5,510,603 duty was paid on unmanufactured tobacco in the United Kingdom. Last year it had risen to £10,192,792.

Paper money is at a premium at Nome. Miners find it more convenient than gold, and pay as much as 2 perent, in excess of its face value for it. The exports of butter, cheese, egga, bacon, ham, mutton, pork, apples, oats, peas, wheat, flour and potatoes to Great Britain from Canada have more than doubled since 1896.

The experiment station has concluded that flax grown for seel a Minnesota is identical with Russian flax, and probably equally as good as that imported

ably equally as good as that imported from Europe at a high price.

Personals.

Admiral Sampson's retirement in February next will not break his family's connection with the navy; for he has three sons-in-laws (Lieutenants Jackson and Roy Smith and Ensign Cluverius) in the service, and his son will probably enter the Naval Acade-

my next year.

The shell which killed General Villebois De Mareuil near Boshof has been mounted on an ebony base, and is to be presented to Lord Galway and the offi-

rial Yeomanry to commemorate their first engagement.

Secretary Hay has contributed \$100 to the fund for enlarging the New Hampshire Society's building at Concept.

Rev. H. W. Jones, chaplain of the United States training ship Monongahela, has just been honored with the degree of doctor of divinity from Wade College, North Carolina. The degree was conformed on him because he was College, North Carolina. The degree was conferred on him because he was the chaplain of the only Southern named ship which took part in the San-tiago engagement—the battleship Tex-

The Prince of Wales make a point of having every letter which he re-ceives answered with as little delay as possible. For this purpose two secre-taries are kept busy nearly all the

—A negro in Atlantic City, N. J., has made himself famous. In a whole year he kept a quarter of a dollar in his mouth, and thus won a wager of \$10.

It has been suggested that it would be well for legations in barbarous regions to have a wireless telegraphic apparatus, as communication could not then be interrupted by hostile forces.

The number of stars distinctly visible he sixth magnitude. - Prof. Newcomb est mates the number up to the 14.5 The new electric locomotive for the

teepest portions of the Jungfrau Mountain Railway will be the most powerful electric rack-wheel locomo live ever constructed. The two motors will each have 125-horse power, and will make 800 revolutions per minute driving the toothed wheels. A new application of electricity

omes from Portugal, where an invention has been taken out for facilitating fox and badger hunting. It consists of a small electric lamp fixed to the collar of a dog, which is to enter a burrow. The effect of this light is to frighten the child gradually sank and died. It of a line drawn from the Philippines to Br'er Fox" and cause him to come out of his burrow.

Dr. F. Larroque reports to the French Academy of Sciences that his gets wrong the face first records it. The apparatus of each ear operates inde- been bitten by a fly and it is painful."

of the many ornaments these races pre- ilon that the pupil of the eye was force

Lack of proper nesting places, too little water, the English sparrow, boys, collectors, birds on hats and the cat are from the head and carried the poison among the causes of the decrease of cus m'crobes over the body. ong birds enumerated by D. Lang. tracks about her eyes and telltale lines He suggests protection and encouragement of the birds by planting trees and nesting boxes for breeding, providing extremely rare." water for feeding and bathing, and feeding in unfavorable weather. A German physicist, G. Tammann

has recently discovered some hitherto unnoted facts concerning ice and the freezing point of water. He finds that not only does the freezing point vary ent kinds of ice can be produced, each possessing its own crystalline structure Thus water may now be said to have five known forms, namely, water vapor water as a liquid, ordinary ice, called by Tammann ice I., ice in its second form, or ice II., and ice in its third form, denominated as ice III. Some non-scientific people would, in hot weather, add a sixth form generally known as ice cream.

Through the insertion of inductance coils into the electrical circuit, Prof. Pupin, of Columbia University, has greatly increased the efficiency of long-

idity with which ordinary telegraphic signals can be transmitted by cable The principle is likewise applicable for extending the range of telephonic com cation over aerial wires.

KILLED BY A FLY'S BITE.

Child Suffers Great Agony and Expir

At St. Bartholomew's hospital th other day Arthur C. Langham, deputy oroner, held an inquest relative to the death of Lydia Maria Chamberlain. without the aid of a glass is put by aged 9 years, the daughter of a riding fould at 5,333. Prof. Newcomb says instructor, lately living with her uncle their number is 7,647. These are up to at 58 Chelmsford road, Walthamstow. Alfred Lewis Chamberlain depose that the deceased, his niece, was playing at the window on Friday with his own little girl, when she suddenly com plained of having been bitten by a fiv Not much notice was taken at the time but in the morning the spot on the much inflamed and swollen that it was thought advisable to call in a doc

tor. Afterward she became very deconsciousness. By this time her nosand eye had swollen to an abnormal size, and it was thought advisable to have her removed to the hospital. Despite every effort which was made by the whole of the staff of the hospital was a case of such rarity that it was watched with intense interest by all

"You are sure it was a fly that bit

delicate fiber is prepared by the na- the skin and into the cellular tissues of tives, which they use in the preparation the orbit. So great was the inflammaed out from between the lids, the pain being, no doubt, most terrible. On exsanining the lungs he found infection. showing that a blood stream had run "Have you ever heard of such a case

before?" Mr. Langham asked. "Yes. We have records of one shrubs for them to live in, putting up two cases of the kind, but they are

"The bite of the insect caused th nticro-organisms, then?" "I can see no other cause, from th history of the case." Continuing, wit ness said that death was due to general blood poisoning set up by the microbes.

DUTCH HAVE RICH ISLANDS.

Land Owner in the Pacific. The Pacific ocean, westward of Hawail and the Marquesas, is like a federation of European nations on Asiatic soil, united by the free commerce of seas. The nations vary in size, strength and importance, as the states of Europe or of the American Union Great Britain commands the field with a landed area of nearly 3.250,000 square i

one-tenth of Germany's land, is at me of the most important points of strategy and at the point of greatest travel. Several independent states lie n the midst of this federation, as Switserland does in Europe; several others n the unhappy, suzerained position

If all the islands could be put into continuous body of land they would form a most heterogeneous empire They would include, in addition to European peoples with their various political and social systems, a tangle of aborigines, a confusion of savages and mi-civilized cultivators of soil and commonwealth; an emporium of products more diversified than a bezaar on a midway plaisance, a mystery of traditions as inexplicable as the origin of the American Indians. Profoundly for ested in the Dutch East Indies, the islands become in western Australia more barren than the lava beds of eastern Oregon and more irredeemable than

the uppermost wilds of British Columlirious, and eventually lapsed into un. bia. Fertile, balmy and luxurious in the beautiful lands of New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa and Tahiti, they are trainformed into uninhabitable coral reefs or into hot and malarial beds of struggle in the guano-covered or copra-producing dots on the map north and east New Guinea and through Samoa to the Society Islands.—Ainslee's Magazine.

wouldn't kill Shep for a thousand dol-

The boy shed tears of joy now, and ran off with Shep barking and bounding at his side, and it was hard to tell which was the happlest.

We expect to hear of a bull disputing the right of way with a locomotive, but a horse generally has more sense. However, this was a broncho horse in The jury returned a verdict of death Colorado. He was wandering around from blood poisoning set up by the bite in happy fashion and had crossed the of an insect, the death being caused by railroad track, but, for some reason misadventure.—Pall Mall Gasette. took a notion to return and use it as a promenade. Along came a train and the engine whistled a warning. Broncho trotted along a little faster, but Holland, Next to England, the Greatest declined to get off. The engine shricked out fiercely, and this apparentl, angered the broncho, for he turned squarely around, and reared up as if to as sault the locomotive. There can be

> No Room for Argument. She-You need not think you are first in my affections.

ad by Roy. Dr. Talmage.

abject: The Faith of Rahab-There Mercy For All Sinners - Cheer For Al Who Are Engaged in Life's Battles-Meaning of the Sun's Standing Still.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage follows Joshua on his triumphal march and speaks encouraging words to all who are engaged in the battles of this life; text, Joshua i, 5, "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life."

Moses was dead. A beautiful tradition says the Lord kissed him and in that act drew forth the soul of the dying lawgiver. He had been buried; only one person at the funeral—the same One who kissed him But God never takes a man away from any place of usefulness until He has some one ready to replace him. The Lord does not go looking around amid a great variety of candidates to find some one especially fitted for the vacated position. He makes a man for that place. Moses has passed off the stage, and Joshua, the heroputs his foot on the platform of history so solidly that all the ages echo with the tread. He was a magnificent fighter, but he always fought on the right side, and he never fought unless God told him to fight. He got his military equipment from God, who gave him the promise at the start, "There shall not any man be able to stand before the all the days of thy life."

God fulfilled this promise, although Joshua's first battle was with the spring freshua's last thunder shakes the and light thy torch at nature's funeral and light thy torch at nature' stand before thee all the days of thy life.
God fulfilled this promise, although Joshua's first battle was with the spring freshet, the next with a stone wall, the next
leading on a regiment of whipped cowards and the next battling again t darkness, wheeling the sun and the moon info
his battalion and the last against the king

to have a bearing upon the question whether the loss of hearing by one ear exercises an injurious effect upon its mate. Orchids are famous for beauty and teneral attractiveness, but it is not general of the arts that minister to the physical raily known that they have a place in he arts that minister to the physical raily shown that they have a place in the triple will be arts that minister to the physical raily shown that they have a place in the carts that minister to the physical raily shown that they have a place in the carts that minister to the physical raily shown that they have a place in the cart of man. But in some parts of its required by the case, he never left her triple was the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was unable to say at first where the bits was. He had since made in brought him here to have you kill him."

Then he broke out with another wall as if his heart was breaking affined and the last againston into the last against the king of terrors, death—five great victories. As a rule, when the last against the king of terrors, death—five great victories. As a rule, when the last against the king of terrors, death—five great victories. As a rule, when the past the would like to have a small battle in order that he may get his own courage up and rally his troops at great than the leveling of Fort Pulaski or the first undertaking of Joshua was successful to give one yell, and the Irander of the great than the leveling of Fort Pulaski or the first undertaking of Joshua was the matter. It was the crossing of the Jordan at the time of the spring of the Jordan at the time Then he broke out with another wall as if his heart was breaking. Shep stood mute and motionless, looking lovingly at his young master. A policeman blew his nose very louch. The desk sergeant walked out into the hall, while the captain remembered that he must telephone somebody. Then the chief of police led the boy to the door, and patting him on the head, said gently:

"There, little fellow, don't cry any more; run home with your dog. I more; run home with your dog. I the chieftain, looks at his army and cries."

"The still Shep for a thousand of the valley, and the whole valley was a raging torrent. So the Canaanites stand on one bank, and they look across and see Joshua and the Israelites, and they look across the little is impossible for them to reach us." But after awhile they look across the water, and they say: "What is the matter now? Why, there must be a panic among those troops, and they are going to march across the river Jordan. Joshua is a lunatic." But Joshua, the chieftain, looks at his army and cries. and they are going to march across the river Jordan. Joshua is a lunatic." But Joshua, the chieftain, looks at his army and cries. "Forward, march!" and they start for the bank of the Jordan. One mile ahead go two priests carrying a glittering box four feet long and two feet wide. It is the ark of the covenant. And they come down, and no sooner do they just touch the rim of the water with their feet than, by an Almighty fiat, Jordan parts. The army of Joshua marches right on without getting their feet wet over the bottom of the river, a path of chalk and broken shells and pebbles, until they get to the other bank. Then they lay hold of the ole anders and tamarisks and willows and pull themselves up a bank thirty or forty feet high, and, having gained the other bank, they clap their shields and their cymbals and sing the praises of the God of Joshua. But no sooner have they reached the bank than the waters begin to dash and roar, and with a terrific rush they break loose from their strange anchorage. As the hand of the Lord God is taken away from the thus uplifted waters—waters perhaps uplifted half a mile—they rush down, and some of the unbelieving Israelites say: "Alas, alas, what a misfortune! Why could not not those waters have staid parted, because, perhaps, we may want to go back? O Lord, we are engaged in a risky business! These Canaanites may eat us up. How if we want to go back? Would it not have been a more complete miracle if the Lord had parted the waters to let us come through and kept them parted to let us go back if we are defeated?"

But this is no place for the host to the town of the town of the large of the host to the town of the town of the covenand "You covenand the first of the covenand "You covenand the first of the sun standing still?" Yes. The entering the same miracle is performed nowadays. Wellinged now all the sun standing still? Yes. The ware may and their sun standing still? Yes. The ware may and their sun standing still? Yes. The ware may and their sun standing still? Yes. The war

only one ending to such a tale-he was knocked out in half a jiffy.

ing these rude musical instruments seven times, and then at the close of the seventh blowing of the ram's horn on the seventh day the peroration of the whole scene was to be a shout, at which those great walls should tumble from capstone to base. The seven priests with the rude musical instruments pass all around the city walls on the first day and score a failure. Not so much as a piece of plaster broke loose from the wall, not so much as a loosened rock, not so much as a piece of mortar 'ost from the wall, not so much as a loosened rock, not so much as a piece of mortar lost from its place. "There," say the unbelieving Israelites. "did I not tell you so? Why, those ministers are fools. The dea of going around the city with those musical instruments and expecting in that way to destroy it. Joshua has been spoiled. He thinks because he has overthrown and conquered the spring freshet he can overthrow the stone wall. Why, it is not philosophic. Do you not see there is no relation between the blowing of these musical instruments and the knocking down of the wall? It is not philosophic.' And I suppose there were many wiseacres who stood with their brows knitted and with the forefinger of the right hand to the forefinger of the left hand, arguing it all out and showing that it was not possible that such a cause could produce such an effect. And I suppose that night in the encampment there was plenty of caricature and if Joshua had been rominated. an effect. And I suppose that night in the encampment there was plenty of caricature, and if Joshua had been nominated for any high military position he would not have received many votes. Joshua's stock was down. The second day the priests blowing the musical instruments go around the city, and again a failure. The third day, and a failure, the fourth day, and a failure; sixth day, and a failure. The seventh day comes, the climacteric day. Joshua is up early in the morning and examines the troops, walks all about and looks at the city wall. The priests start to make the circuit of the city. They go all round once, all around twice, three times, four times, five times, six times, seven times, and a failure. There is only one more thing to do, and that is to utter a great shout. I see the Israelitish army straightening themselves up, filling their lungs for

ening themselves up, filling their lungs for a vociferation such as never was heard before and never heard after. Joshus feels that the hour has come, and he cries out to his host, "Shout, for the Lord hath given you the city!" All together the troops shout: "Down, Jericho! Down, Jericho!" and the long line of solid masonry begins to quiver and to move and to rock. Stand from under! She falls! Crash go the

walls and temples, the towers, the palaces, the air blackened with dust.

The huzza of the victorious Israelites and the groan of the conquered Canaasites commingle, and Joshua, standing there in the debris of the walls, hears a voice saying, "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of the life"

of thy life."

Only one house spared. Who lives there?

Some great king? No. Some woman distinguished for great, kindly deeds? No. She had been conspicuous for her crimes. It is the house of Rahab. Why was her house spared? Because she had been a bouse spared? Because she had been a great sinner? No, but because she repented, demonstrating to all the ages that there is mercy for the chief of sin-

And light thy torch at nature's funeral But Joshua's troops may not halt here The command is "Forward, march!" There is the city of Ai. It must be taken. A scouting party comes back and says:

worlds and moves the worlds he cries, "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon, and thou, moon, in the valley of Ajalon." They halted. Whether it was by refraction of the sun's rays or by the stopping of the whole planetary system I do not know and do not care. I leave it to the Christian Scientists and the infidel scientists to settle that question while I tell you I have

tells the story one, two or three times—you have heard old people tell a story two or three times over—and he answers, "I go the way of all the earth, and not one word of the promise has failed, not one word thereof has failed; all has come to pass, not one word thereof has failed," And then he turns to his family, as a dying parent will, and says: "Choose now whom you will serve, the God of Israel or the God of the Amorites. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." A dying narent cannot be reckless or thoughtless of his children. Consent to part with them forever at the door of the tomb we cannot. By the cradle in which their infancy was rocked, by the bosom on which they first lay, by the blood of the covenant, by the God of Joshua it shall not be. We will not part, we cannot part. Jehovah Jireh, we take Thee at Thy promise. "I will be a God to thee and thy seed after thee."

Dead, the old chieftain must be laid out. Handle him very gently. That sacred body is over 110 years of age. Lay him out, stretch out those feet that valked dry shod the parted Jordan. Close those lips which helped blow the blast at which he walls of Jericho fell. Fold the arm that lifted the spear toward the doomed city of Ai. Fold it right over the heart that exulted when the five kings fell. But where shall we get the burnished granite for the headstone and the footstone? I bething myself now. I imagine that for the headstone and the footstone? I bething myself now. I imagine that for the headstone and the foot the moon that stood still in the valley of Ajalon.

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We have no faults that the devil don't keep account of.
Broken hearts are the easiest crockery to mend.
A rich dress is not worth a straw to one who has a poor mind.
A bridle for the tongue is a necessary piece of furniture.
No can or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, pure and good without the world being the better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of this goodness.
Young man, don't have too poor an epinion of yourself.

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You can rarely reason a man out of an opinion which he has never been reasoned into.



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