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> warm day for March, and I was trying to keep cool in the lounging-room of the European club, on the river bank, a short distance from the city. My business in Manila was practically finished, and I was anticipating a few days of recreation before the Hong-Kong steamer left, upon the following days of recreation before the Hong
> Kong steamer left, upon the following
> Tuesday, when the message was handed me by one of the native boys emed me by one of the native boys emthem for the present."
>
> "And you haven't decided what

ad been the eastern representative of Lantine & Company for over two years, and, although my savings had disappeared through a series of ill-advised investments, my position seemed such secure one that money matters seling and shipping house the amount mentioned in the dispatch, my entire capital consisted of something less better, if-m-m-m-there's really capital consisted of something less better, if—m-m-m-m—there's really he's too old to enjoy his good fortune. than three hundred dollars, and I had no reason why I shouldn't. When do It takes a young man to appreciate no idea which way to look for employ-

appened to be in the club at the time, and, after canceling the purchases I had made from them on behalf of my hipments ordered there during the previous month. Then, driving to my notel in Binondo—the Oriente—I settled matters as far as lay in my power and was ready for dinner before eight

The Oriente, being new and progressive, sets one of the best tables in the east, and, as experience with oriental life brings the conviction that neither hurry nor worry is conducive to good health, I took my time over the meal. Then, lighting a cheroot, I walked down the Escolta as far as the Puente d'Espana, which conects Binondo with the old walled cit adel of Manila, and, leaning against the hand-rail under a solitary electric light, watched the canoes and bancos figuring as to my immediate prospects. Three hundred dollars would land me New York by careful management,

but there was no certainty of employment when I reached there; and the resember getween rokomama and singapore that an immediate opening in the east seemed unlikely.

At first I could think of nothing but my unconfortable predicament. But my uncomfortable predicament. Bu after awhile the influence of a good dinner and the soothing qualities of White and Standard Gas the climate began to make themselves felt. I found myself watching the which passed and repassed across the bridge, the crowds of laughing Mestiza and Visaya girls strolling along through the Pasco to hear the military and at Luneta, groups of Chinamer auntering about after the day's busiess, and Spanish officers driving arromatas with the ladies of their small coasting steamers and brigs, each spar and funnel outlined distinct-ly by electric lights on the quays; beyond them, a red spark from the light-house upon the northern mole, and scattered lights from larger vessels

which lay at anchor two or three miles out in the bay. While watching these, I noticed a government launch coming up the river. The landing steps of the quay were but a few paces below the bridge and I could easily see the faces of two men as they stepped ashore from her. They were both strange to me, but there was something about the walk of one which seemed familiar. I pretinet, as I leaned over the rail, for the man glanced searchingly at me as he climbed to the street level. At first he urned and walked away several steps, had made a mistake, then came back, as if to cross the bridge in front of me. We looked each other in the eye for a econd; then he stopped, and said: "If you're not Harry Stevens, of New

I grasped the outstretched hand and began to see something familiar behind the brown beard. "Yes, I'm Harry Stevens, but-hold

York, I've made the biggest mistake of

naminute. Weren't you with the ceanic Steamship company, several ears ago? By Jove! It can't be Dick Halstead? What? Well, I'm blessed! Where on earth did you drop from? You have changed, and no mistake."
"Possibly. But you haven't, old chap; I'd know you anywhere. Say, look here, we've got a heap to talk about; come up to the club. No, never mind the carromata; it's cooler on the river. We'll go up in the launch." "But—how the deuce? I thought

she belonged to the government?"
"That's right. So do I, for the present." We had taken our seats in the stern, and were gliding up the motion-less stream. "I've been in command of that tramp, the Countess of Devon, for the biggest stockholder in the com-pany that owns her is old Leon Ramirez, of Liverpool and this place. So when the Isla de Ponape, that used o earry mail to the Carolines and to the government here until the compania could spare another of their own boats with big enough coal capacity to make the trip. That was last September, and they manage things so slowly that I'm still running supplies out to those islanders, once in three months,

those islanders, once in three months, with a Scotch engineer and a Spanish crew, connecting with the Messageries boats at Saigon the rest of the time.

Now tell me under what the canopy brings you out here."
"Business, of course; you didn't think I was traveling on my moncy, did you? I've been buying China goods, assorted devils, and Manila matting for Lantine & Co. about two years.

the balcony, where the boy presently I remember as if it happened but brought us cigars and coffee.

esterday the queer feeling which "M-m-m-how long will it take yesterday the queer feeling which "M-m-m-m-how long will it take came over me when I read the foregoing cable. It had been an unusally pany?" "They're settled now, as far as any-

It was such a thorough surprise that you're going to do next?"
for several moments I did not realize the position in which it placed me. I Kong on Tuesday and see how things

"Why not take a little vacation? You've been working hard, and a rest would do you good. Run out to the Ladrones with me. It's a fine voyage at this time of year, and I'm so sick of talking mixed languages that it'll be dom troubled me. Now, however, talking mixed languages that it'll be after drawing from the Manila bank a perfect godsend to have an old friend along. Come now, what do you say?"
"Why, I don't know. I'd like nothing

"About midnight." "What, to-night?" "Sure. I only came ashore to get my papers from the custom house, and should be getting down there as soon

as I finish this eigar. The mail's or house, I cabled to Hong-Kong and as I finish this eigar. The mail's on board now, I guess. You're stopping at the Oriente, of course; how lon will it take to get your duds together? "Fifteen minutes. But how about assport? The commandante's office osed at noon." "That's all right. No one'll stop you

on a government launch, and I'll take care of the rest. Come along. In three-quarters of an hour Hal-stead and I reached the quay with my



luggage, and 20 minutes later we were climbing the Countess of Devon's acportation space, were issued by the The Spanish mate stood at the top and touched his cap. Halstead looked along the gangway and said:
"All the passengers aboard, Mr. Diaz?"

"Si, senor."
"Pilot come off with Mr. McPher-

"Si, senor."
"All right. Get your anchor up and she's drawing. Tell

find how much she's drawing. Tell Mr. Moreno to be careful that iron buoy doesn't foul the screw this time. and have the quartermaster bring Mr Stevens' luggage up to my room. steward can give the passengers bis steward can give the passengers bis-cuits and coffee if they want it before turning in—there are only a dozen, I think—and seat the ladies' party at my table in the morning. Now, old chap" (turning to me), "I'm going to you the extra berth in my eabin give you the extra berth in my cabin, and you can do as you please on board. Go to sleep now, if you like, or bring a stool up on the bridge and fmoke. I shan't turn in until after breakfast."

"If that's the case, I'll stay with I wish you'd explain why you start at such an ungodly hour. There's no bar

to cross, so the tides can't make any difference." "No; there's plenty of water, bu after passing Cape Santiago there isn't another light in the strait. There are two dim ones on the no'theas' corner of Burias island, but they're no visible to west'ard, and I want to se where I'm navigating between Burla o'clock to-morrow morning,-ought to

pass Santiago at breakfast time to day,-so that during the night we'l have plenty of elbow room.' "Suppose you strike rain or fog?"
"We won't. This is the morning o March 29, isn't it? Well, two weeks from to-morrow it'll be sultry, and still, and hot as Tophet. After that April 24. Then there'll be a hurricane in this bay that will send a pile of ships ashore and spread corrugated from roofs all over the landscape, and from

that time to about the first of October the weather'll be simply hellish—rain. have set in for six months. You ought to know when the monsoon chan if you've been out here (wo years.) "Well, I suppose I should, but I've spent the summers in Yokohama and hanghai, and they don't make so much difference up there."

It was a perfect night. The wine had died down until there was scarce ly a ripple on the water and each par

ticular star was reflected in it. The lights of Cavite, on our left, were fast dropping astern; and, approaching Corregidor island at the entrance of the bay, about three o'clock, the mountains of the Piquito on the south head with the Sierra de Mariveles on the porth rose like dark blue ghosts 4,00 feet in the air. Corregidor itself stood over 600 feet above high water, the light on its summit filling the rocks lose under it.

tention to some prominent point, but he was too closely occupied in watch-ing the different bearings to talk very much; and, although we didn't drop the pilot until well past Cape Santiago, uld see that my friend preferred

til noon. Then we went below and sat down at our first meal with the passengers, only four of whom spoke our language, so that the conversation was mostly carried on in rudimentary

CHAPTER II.

The captain's cabin was an exceedingly comfortable one, with a large chart table in the middle, cushioned transoms around the sides, and several luxurious rattan chairs. It was situated upon the hurricane deck directly under the wheel-house, and had ports, so that we had an uninterrupted view of everything that was going on. While I smoked an after-dinner cigar and enjoyed the breeze which blew through our quarters, the strange and rapid succession of events that had resulted in my being bound for the most forgotten corner of the earth's surface struck me very forcibly. Every few moments some reminiscence of cld times would occur to one or the other of us, and I finally asked Hal-stead if he were married.

"No," he said; "I'm not. I was just going to ask the same question. It eems rather odd that we two should we reached the age of-let's see; I'm, and you can't be' far from itwithout settling down. Do you know.
old chap, I'm beginning to think I
haven't made much of a success in

"Oh, I don't know. You're likely to have a ship as long as you want to go to sea, aren't you? And the house would probably offer a fairly good berth ashote, if you felt like taking it."
"I suppose so, as long as the pres-

one else as long as we live. In the long run the fellow who persistently drudges comes out ahead, and then the things that money will buy. Now why can't we strike a bit of luck some-where, find a buried treasure or something of the sort, and then live like princes in London or New York, instead of frying our gizzards out in the East Indies? Isn't there a fairy godmother that we might propitiate?" "M-m-m, I don't seem to remember any in my family. But, speaking of treasure, aren't we sailing over pretty which the same track as 'hat followed by the old galleons?"

"That's right; same track, to a mile. To-morrow morning I'll show you l'ort San Jacinto, on the island of Ticao, where they used to wait for a avorable wind in beating through the San Bernardino passage. Anson's ships watched for them just outside the 'Embocadero,' as it is called in Spanish, and they all stopped at the adrones for pigs and water on the

yage across."
"Well. weren't they usually loaded with a pretty rich cargo?"
"Rich! Why, man, the Acapulco gal on brought between two and three nillions—in silver dollars, gold doub-oons, and indigo—to Manila, once or wice every year. You see, the junks used to come down from Rong-Kong n March or April, loaded with silk bronight and after keeping what they wanted for personal use, shipped to Acapulco on speculation. Mexico was a viceregal province then, and the Philippines was a subdependency. The eturn galleon brought the proceeds of these speculations; though, as the boletas, or shipping permits for trans-

cally amounted to a Philippine sub "That's about as I remember it There were a good many galleon wrecked on the coral islands, weren't

"Lots of them; they were great un

ernadors for revenue,

"Lots of them; they were great un-wieldy tubs, always loaded beyond their carrying capacity. And, by the way, that reminds me of an instance which I happen to know about, more or less directly. Last voyage, Padre Julian, who has been in charge of the mission on Saipan for 30 or 40 years, came home with me. The old chap is a good deal of a student, and has the history of these islands at his finger-ends—best judge of rum and sherry I ever saw. I used to fill him up with good liquor, just to see him when the stuff got into his blood Among other things, he told me one night about the loss of Nuestra Senora de Sevilla in 1769 on the Santa Rosa Reef, somewhere south of Guajan. The padre was pretty mellow, and I guess said more than he meant to, for I never could get another word out of him about the wreck. It seems that a native in one of the flying proas-the island catamarans, you've heard of them—found an unconscious officer lashed to a spar several miles out at sea, and turned him over to Fray Ig-nacio, who was then running the nacio, who was then running church at Agana, when he came in. The fray and his brother priests suceeded in restoring the man long nough to get his account of the wreck, together with the approximate position of the galleon when she struck; then he died. Being methodical old chaps, they jotted the story all down, and Fray Ignacio signed it. Then, like the pious old imbeciles that they were, they buried the document with several others, in the fray' sarcophagus when he got through with life. I believe he and his box are now in the crypt under the church. The story seemed straight enough, and I guess there's no doubt of there being two or three millions of good rusty money lying at the bottom of the ocean, south of Guajan, to thi day. It might as well be in the Bank of England as far as we are conof England as far as we are con-cerned. Another case of life's little ironies, isn't it?"

"How deep is the water there?"

"Well, the Alert got from 2,000 to
4,000 fathoms near there in 1881—say

two to four miles. Why, were you thinking of diving for it?" "Not exactly. I meant the depth on

"Oh, Santa Rosa? I couldn't tell yo that. There are no soundings of it, was laid down on Dalrymple's and Can-ova's older maps. Dampier said he found it in 1686, four fathoms under water. One of the galleons struck on it in trying to avoid his ships while they were lying at Guajan, and had a ain has seen the slightest indicati of a reef there since that time. Most of these islands are volcanic, you know, and it may have sunk to the ree or four mile level."
"Veryslikely. Still, the ships that

oked for it might have been there at time of year when the weather was nfavorable for a search." "You mean—?"
"That, as is quite probable, they ma

"That's so."

"And the water might have been so lumpy that careful sounding would have been out of the question."

"Hardly. They wouldn't attempt to sound in bad weather, unless for their own safety. Still, they might not have happened to try it when they were over the exact spot, and the shifting of the monsoon might make anything like an accurate search impossible. Oh, I wouldn't venture to say that there is no reef there; its existence and position are not definitely known, that's all. But suppose there is. Suppose for the sake of argument that its lagoon isn't more than 100 feet or so deep, how much chance do vou think there would be of finding even the fragments of a hulk lost there 120 years ago? Why, man, it would have a coral jacket on so thick that you'd have to use dynamite if it were above water. Coral deposit increases at the rate of an eighth of an inch a year, or more, according to Agassiz; that 15 inches. Adding shell-fish and other marine growth, it would be safe to fig-ure two or three feet, wouldn't it?" "Probably; but I thought that coral, diatomaceae, and foraminifera deposited perpendicularly on these volcanic

bold position some of her side timbers might still be exposed, or at least cov-ered very thinly. Harry, what erazy notion have you got in your head? There isn't one chance in a million of an attempt to raise that treasure being successful. It would be folly to think of trying it without a fully then you'd have piracy to contend with among your erew."
"Well. I became interested in the

story. And then the idea occurred to me that, being out of a job, there would be nothing to hinder my investigating the thing a little. Just for the sake of the thing a little. Just for the sake of argument, row—we might as well amuse carselves with this as anything.—suppose I were to leave the steamer at Gualan; that's the buggest and most southerly Ladrone, isn't it? Right. Then suppose I should happen to get hold of Fray Ignacio's account of the shipwreeked officer, and should find ir shipwreeked officer, and should find ir well to men the galleon went down. t just where the galleon went down. d very likely get myself into a serious scrape, but just suppose I should man-age to see the document after all. Then suppose I took a little trip some day on one of those flying catamarans— hey make 23 knots sometimes, if I reember correctly-and succeeded in ocating this reef. Suppose I had a living suit with me; there probably n't such a thing between 'Frisco and the Yokohama navy yard, but imagination is cheap. Suppose I actually found something that looked like an old wreck, crusted over with coral, and tried a dynamite cartridge on it. Suppose I found something there, and stowed it away until you could join me.

Halstead was filling his pipe as I spoke, but his fingers trembled a little. He took several long, meditative puffs without saying a word. Then he got up and began to pace the deck, up and lown, back and forth. Presently he leared the table and spread upon it an inray chart of the western Pacific be-ween New Guinea and Japan. After ory of the worth racine, which he are ilted. The conversation had consulted. The conversation had drifted casually into this channel from its association with the Ladrone voyage, but the subject was taking hold of us with the grip that such seeming of us with the grip that such sections impossibilities often will; and all sorts of wild absurdities flashed through my mind as I watched the captain's face. After what seemed an hour of calculaon over the chart and directory, he

That reef hasn't been found by any



cept the fact as conclusive evidence against its present existence. It is a lifficult matter to fix the position of any ship exactly on a chart. Compass deviation, or trifling errors in the adustment of a sextant, may easily make a difference of several miles. Then, again, these islands are probably the most unfrequented portion of the earth's surface. I don't know of a spot so seldom visited as the Ladrones; the government itself only communicates with them four times a year. Now that galleon would have been ap-proaching from almost due east, makng for Guajan—Port San Luis d' Apra The prevailing winds, being no'theas to eas', would drift the coral fragments over to west'ard, forming a shoa lagoon and breaking an entrance to it on the lee side. In that case, a ship under fair headway would either drive firmly on to the first bold ledge or shove herself over the ridge into the lagoon. So that, reasoning from pure theory, the chances are against her having sunk along the more precipit ous face, which may go straight down thousand fathoms or more. The same prevailing no theasterly wind and waves which break and scatter the coral grit to leeward would have a endency to crumble the deposit on hulk in the same direction, leaving one side, or one end, more or less exposed If Nuestra Senora de Sevilla was head ing about west when she struck, with the intention of just clearing Cocos reef at the south end of Guajan, and it she lodged firmly in that position when she sank, her for ard part would be pretty well sealed in with coral, but the high poop, where most of the specie was carried, might not have morthan an inch or two of incrustation Theoretically, the possibilities of re covering any of that money amount to this: If the Santa Rosa reef exists to day as it did in 1769, if that galleo upon it as I have been figuring ut, if a man were provided with di ng apparatus which would enable him o make a careful and protracted ex-mination of the ledge under water. also pick and cartridges to work with, and if it were possible to preserve ab-solute secrecy as to his operations, or to transport the stuff without exciting suspicion, there's just about one change in a thousand that he might get as far as a civilized country with it. As for taking any of the natives into his con-

They're a peaceable lot generally, but you can't depend upon them. In 1888 and 1890 the Kanakas at Yap murdered every Spaniard in the place, just after that affair in which the German warship Iltis tried to grab the Carolines for the kaiser."

"That's a pretty formidable lot of ifs,' I should say. How many people do you suppose know anything about this particular wreck?"

"That depends how often Padre Julian has talked of it in his cups. When he found that he must have said something to me about the affair dur-ing one of his irresponsible periods, he attempted to pass it off as a yarn; then he shut up on the subject like a clam. I doubt his having an idea that it would be possible to recover anything from the galleon, or that he thinks the matter anything more than a church sebid him to reveal. In that case, possibly two other priests besides himself may know of the facts; but it isn't likely that they have disturbed the old ray's coffin to verify them. On the other hand, there is a chance that his teason for leaving the island where he has remained so long may be a determination to consult nautical authorities in Manila and figure out the prac ticability of locating the wreck."

"Then, even if we should consider the matter seriously, there would be no time to procure diving-apparatus from Yokohama or elsewhere? If the padre really has anything of the kind in view he might complete his prepara-tions and return by the next steamer at the latest, mightn't he?"
"Easily. That would give him six

months away—time enough to get al-most anything he wanted. But, old chap—it is the strangest coincidence I ever knew-there are a complete div-ing-suit and equipments on this very steamer, now, in the after hold."

"What! You don't mean it! Why, how the dev-" We were glaring at each other excitedly and with an al-most superstitious feeling. From mere speculation, the subject was asuming a tangible reality that was

fairly startling.
"Yes, I do mean it. It seems as if
the fairy godmother had determined
to shake our skepticism just when we
were denying her existence. Old Appleby, in Singapore, had an idea a year ago that he wanted one of the best and latest improved diving-suits that money could buy. Whether he in-tended to go hunting for trensure himself or not, I don't know-the Malay pirates lost hundreds of their luggers in the strait-but when we were loading for London he handed me 50 sovereigns to buy one for him, and on reaching port I got the finest thing of the kind to be had. It can be used either with or without an air-pump. There is a knapsack chamber which is provided with chemical arrangements for renewing the oxygen and can be charged with compressed air by means of a geared pump so that the wearer may stay under water for three hours; I believe it's an improvement on the Rouquayrol idea. Well, I was quite pleased with the thing, and knew Ap-pleby would like it; but when I made Singapore again they told me the cholera had been too much for the poor fellow, and his executors refused to accept the package. There was no

to accept the package. There was no mention of it in his stowed the thing away in the lazareet, and have lugged it around ever since."
"Well, I'll be—! Say, Dick, this
seems to pretty effectually dispose of uld enjoy life more if they had such a sum. At this moment I don't know where to turn for an immediate inme. If you should get into difficulties with your owners you might be pretty short for awhile, yourself. Now, the whole combination of cirumstances since yesterday afternoon seems providential to me, and I feel like making a determined attempt to get that money. Why, suppose we should have the luck to recover a milion each! Do you know what such a um would mean in London or New

"Do 1? Well-! By the great horn boon, I'm with you, Harry! But how n-? I can't leave the ship, you know. And it would be folly to depend upon being sent out here next trip. The Countess is only chartered, and they hate like the mischief to employ anything but Spanish bottoms-

"Well, now, hold on; one thing at a ime, and we'll get ahead faster. How long before you expect to get through the islands this trip? There may be ime enough to do something." "About 17 or 18 days, from the time

we arrive at Yap to the day we leave Guajan. But, don't you see, that won't help us any. Guajan is the last stop; I go straight back to Manila from here. You might get from Yap to Guajan on one of the catamarans, but the natives are no navigators, and it ould be pretty risky business.

"It would be out of the question to make Guajan first, I suppose?" "Rather. Of course it might be one, but at the risk of losing my cor des. You see, the regular trip for years has been to make Yap first, because the Caroline and Pelew govern-ments there include two lieutenant colonels as gobernadors, against one in the Ladrones. From Yap the ship goes to Pouynipete, or Ponape, the argest island in the Carolines, and from there to Guajan. This trip, as It happens, I'm instructed to take in Kusaie also, at the east end of the group; so you see a change of course might raise considerable unpleasant-"If these islanders were afflicted

with either push or discipline, it might. But they seem to take life pretty easy—don't trouble themselves about little things. Couldn't we think up a valid excuse for changing the course — machinery or coal — something of that hind?" thing of that kind?"

"Coal wouldn't do. We're carrying more than enough to get back on, and there's little or none in the islands. As for machinery—m'—w-e-l-l— Look here, Harry; we can't put a thing like this through without assistance. We'll have to take some one into our confidence, though it may not be necessary to do so entirely. Now, McPherson, my engineer, has sailed with me, off obligations to me besides. The nature of those obligations I won't discuss; it is sufficient that, while I don't take any stock in average human nature, I can rely upon his doing anything in the world for me; and if we should get hold of that money I'd like Mae to have a share of it, even if it were only a small one. We won't tell him the small one. We won't tell him the whole scheme at first, but he can help us more than anyone else, and will fidence—well, the old navigators named them 'Ladrones' when the Islands were discovered. That means "By all means. From what I've seen butter dishes or the butter dishes or the

can safely get. Halstend sent one of the quarter-masters below for McPherson, and in

masters below for McPherson, and in a few minutes he appeared in the doorway. Glancing along the deck to see that no one was within hearing, the captain closed the door and said:
"Mac, I've known you and Stevens so long that I thought you should be better acquainted with each other. We were talking of the voyages you and I have sailed together, and thought we'd like to have you join with us in a little speculation. Whether there will be much of anything in it or not we can't say: in fact, it wouldn't be fair to raise your anticipations by going into

raise your anticipations by going into the particulars. But we are willing to agree that if the scheme should be successful we'll do what's right. I guess you know me pretty well, and I'll answer for Stevens. Now, are you willing to help us with no more of an ex-planation than that?"

"Aa think ye needna' ask me thit, Haalstead. Ye kin mak' yersel' easy thit Aa'll do onything ye saay wi' little adoo aboot it. We be three amang faariners oot in this part o' the warld, an' Aa fancy we'd best pull tagither."

"That's what I thought you'd say, Mas Now it seems to me processary.

Mas. Now, it seems to me necessary that Stevens should get to Guajan as soon as he possibly can. He will go ashore there and start things moving.
Whether we will be able to communicate with him again this trip is rather doubtful; but if we don't, you and I have got to put it up for another voyage out here when we see Ramirez. If the compania happen to have the other boat ready, it'll be no fool of a job, either. The question just now is, how are we going to cheers? are we going to change our course without getting into trouble with the government? With some ironclad,

reasonable excuse, we might do it How much coal have you?" "Saemthing conder a thoosan' ton. Tha government 'ill pay for but nine knots an hoor, an' thit'll leave a plenty for emairgencies, oover an' abuve what Aa'll burrn in tha foor wiks."

"Then you could safely shove her up to 12 or 13 knots, if we wanted to hustle little, without running short?"
"Ay; ye can have mair ef necessary. She's made her foorteen in smooth water."

"Well, the Yap people are the only ones who would really kick. Even they would stand five or six days all right as far as leaving for Manila goes. But if we happen to have any sea-sick pas-sengers, they'll never forgive the extra days of unpleasantness as long as they live; and I don't remember whether any of them are going to Tomil or

"There's but one for Yap-tha cura-"There's but one for Yap—tha cura—tha yoongest of tha twa padres."

"And one padre is fifty times worse to deal with than the ordinary passenger; the changes are that he can turn the whole machinery of government against a fellow if he chooses."

"Ay, thit's verra true. But ef ye've tha padre's cenfiuence wi' ye, it's quite anither matter. Aa've a thoch in mahaid thit ye may arrange it wi' these

hald thit ye may arrange it wi' these "Let's have it, Ma. That's what we

want to get at." "Weel, the oold padre's a verra een-flential mon. Aa'm toold thit he's

eroond. Noo, Aa'm thinkin' thit ef An wair tae stop th' aingine-say three days from this-an' gaive oot thit ma seems to pretty effectually dispose of your biggest 'if:* how about the others? See here, old fellow; you and I may go to our graves without ever seeing a million of money, or the hundredth part of it; yet I don't believe there are two men on earth who could enjoy life more if they had such Spennish aingineers, an' there's na ither pless where ye'll be laik tae find a bit o' macheenery. Then ye'll aixplain tha sectuation tae tha padre, an' saay thit ef he'll gie a repoort in Maneela hoo tha chenge o' the coorse kem aboot, ye'll carry him tae Saipan—thet he'll not hae tha treep tae mak'

on a proca."

Halstead and I looked at each other. McPherson's idea seemed practical and plausible. There was no question whatever that a padre of sufficiently whatever that a parte of sanctests, good standing could smooth over about anything he pleased, and, if an obligation to himself were part of the iregularity, it seemed very likely that he would see there were no questions. tions asked. While we were discusthe matter, I couldn't help mention ing my instinctive dislike to Padre Se-bastlan. He was one of your plausible, fat and oily men, who study human nature almost from their infancy and nature almost from their infancy and read your thoughts in spite of you. In fact, my acquaintance with the Jesuits in the east had given me wholesome respect for that marvelo enetration which is so important a factor in the influence they exert upon all classes. Both the captain and the engineer agreed with me that

the padre was a dangerous man in more ways than one, but could see no reason why his peculiar influence hould be exerted against us. Having come to a definite undertanding that we would investigate the wreck of the galleon as far as lay n our power, it was difficult to get the matter out of our minds. Several times we were on the point of taking McPherson more fully into our confidence, but, while we trusted him is one of ourselves, it seemed that matas one of ourselves, it seemed that yet; and I don't think he had the faintest suspicion as to the exact nature of the scheme. What the tie was between him and Halstead I never knew, of it was sufficiently strong to make the engineer follow my friend's suggestions blindly; and his assurance that Mac should be squarely treated if the speculation proved successful bond. We agreed that i unwise for us to be seen in frequent conversation; so, beyond an occa-

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his company, I saw very little of Mc-

Pharson

This Happened in England Cyclist (to sleepy-looking villager)— Are you a native of this village? Villager—Am I what? Cyclist—Are you a native of the vil-

lage?
Villager—Hey?
Cyclist—I asked you if you were a
native of this place.
Mrs. Villager (appearing at the open
door, acridly)—Ain't ye got no sense,
Jim? He means wuz ye livin' here when yer wuz born, or wuz ye born

before yer begun livin' here. Now answer 'im .-- London Tit-Bits. A Domestic Enign The Caller-I'm all mixed up as to

what to do. Hostess—What about?
Caller—I've got to get tea and a
butter dish, and I don't know whether

to get the tea where they give away

P. S.—We also sell Trunks and Up to three o'clock this afternoon I expected to keep on buying them until 'thieves' in English, and from my experience there last voyage I should sav you say, we need all the assistance we ord. to know himself just how his ship was being navigated. After a six-o'clock mer. That would be the southwest my liver refused to stand the climate, breakfast we turned in and slept un-

Men won't buy clothing for the purpo men won't buy clothing for the purpose cof spending money. They desire to get the best possible results for the money expendded. Not cheap goods but goods as cheap as they can be sold and made up properly. If you want the correct thing at the correct price call on us, we have reduced our spring gand summer goods down to make room for your heavy weight goods.