The Trail of the Dead:

THE STRANGE EXPERIENCE OF DR. ROBERT HARLAND

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CHAPTER VI.- (Continued.) It snowed that night, and to some ef- pair?" fect, as the morning light showed me. The broad, slovenly street beneath my windows was thickly coated; and though as with muddy whitewash, threatened a the other side. For the rest, the house further downfall. It was bitterly cold is not furnished." and I flung on my clothes in a vile tem-

Graden was meditating before the stove when I entered our breakfast-room, with the strange book he had shown me during the journey in his hands.

You look pale as a ghost. Are you quite fit?" he asked kindly.

"Oh, yes; though my night was not particularly peaceful."

"What do you mean?"

I told him briefly of my unknown visitor. He seemed greaty interested, questioning me minutely on various points.

"Your theory may be correct," he concluded. "Some guest may have mistaken his chamber, and hurried off on discovering his mistake. Yet, if he had a light with him, how came he to make such an obvious error; whereas, if it was the striking of a match that roused you, what was the man doing wandering in the dark?"

"To tell the truth, when I first woke, I imagined it was Marasc himself." "I have considered that point. I do

not think it could have been he.' "And why?"

Before you were down this morning I had a talk with our landlord. The guests at his house are of two classescommercial travelers and those having business at the dye-works. They do not stay long-usually a week at most. Of the nine which he now has, none has exceeded that limit. He knows them all personally-six commercials, two dyeworks men, and a rich Englishman, one George Wakefield, who has been staying with some magnate in the neighborhood. But here is Herr Reski himself." "Gentlemen," said the landlord, bow-

ing low, "your sleigh is at the door." "How faf it it, then, to Castle Oster?"

"Close on twenty mires; and with this fresh snow it will be heavy going."

Ten minutes later we slid on our silent runners, to the tinkle of the bells, out through the squalid, sprawling town, out through the wooden hovels of the suburbs, out past the dye-works, with their tall, melancholy chimneys, out into the snow-clad levels beyond, and there from great and bitter wind, chilled by its long he journey over the boundless steppes of frozen Russia. Here and there, across the plains, a whiff of powdry snow, like the smoke of heavy guns, would leap up before the fiercer blasts, only to burst and fall as they lulled once more. To the south and east the pine woods ranged their formal ranks, black against the dazzling carpet at their feet. It was a scene of utter desolation.

We drove in silence Grade huddled mass, his chin buried in the great woolen comforter he wore, staring out over the plain with fixed, introspective eyes. For myself, I sat amongst the rugs beside him in vague speculation. What could be this danger that threatened the scientist from St. Petersburg in his home at Castle Oster? After all, might not our whole journey be a folly born of Graden's imaginings, a blind guess that had dragged us half across Europe? I shivered, and shivering, muttered anathemas on the climate.

CHAPTER VII.

We entered the forest. On every hand stood the pines, stretching away in long. melancholy avenues floored with drifted snow. The laden branches bowed before us, now and again, at the whirl of a passing gust, flinging their burdens from them. Once a willow grouse, white as the snow beneath it, swept on steady wing through the trees. Once from the far, far distance, borne upon the eastern breeze, there came a cry, a weird, hopeless echo in the air, that set the horses snorting. I knew what it must be-a wolf who felt the first pangs of the winter's hunger gathering round him. But there was no sign of man nor marks of sleigh tracks on the newly fallen snow.

We did not travel fast, though our hardened and settled into that enchanting surface on which the runners speed the strangers from the south. It was so swiftly. Midday was past before we he that had brought about this mysterisaw, through a sudden gap in the forest, ous horror. I turned from the poor a rising mound crowned with a low, grey building. "Castle Oster!" cried our driver, turning in his seat to claim our attention. In ten minutes more we had door. halted at a gate set in a high stone wall.

Before we were clear of the rugs the driver had slipped from his perch and tugged at a rusty iron bell-pull. We without an answer. Again he rang; but Graden did not wait the result. The door was not bolted; it opened to his vigorous arm, and we followed him into the broad courtyard of the castle.

Before us sprawled the main building flanked by little towers, like the pepperbox turrets of an old Scotch mansion. The windows were shuttered; the chimneys were smokeless save for one above the central porch, from which a dark plume rose and trailed away to the westward-the solitary sign of habitation. To our right and left were ranged outbuildings, stables, coach-houses, and the like; but all in a condition of ruinous decay. Patches fallen from the roofs laid bare the rafters; from the broken gutters trailed long pendants of ice. Against the old doors the snow had piled itself in heavy drifts. No sound broke the brooding stillness. It was a picture distressingly forlorn.

"Has Professor Mechersky, then, no servants?" asked Graden of our driver. I noticed that he hushed his voice in speaking; he, too, felt the uncanny influence of the place.

"Two, mein Herr-a man and woman. I cannot think where they can first operation.

"I had understood he was a man of

means. Why does he allow this disre-

"I do not think the professor cares. He shuts himself up with his experiments when he is here-which is not often the fall had ceased, a dull sky, streaked now. His rooms look to the south on

> "Well, I suppose there is a servant who will- Heavens! what is that?" From somewhere within the house there came a shrick, a cry of supreme terror. Again and yet again it was repeated before it shrank away into silence. Graden ran across the court to the main door, and I was hard upon his heels. He pulled the bell and hammered fiercely upon the heavy oak panels; but no one answered.

> "I don't believe the thing is bolted," said he. "Keep the handle turned, and let me try what I can do."

He stepped back a dozen paces, and then came running at the door like a bull. The giant caught it squarely with the point of his shoulder; there was a sharp crack; the next instant we were both sprawling on the floor within.

We found ourselves in a great and dusty hall, indifferently lighted. Against the wall on my right I could dimly discern the figure of a woman crouched on the floor, sobbing bitterly, her face buried in her hands. She did not move, despite our violent entrance. At the foot of the main staircase an old man was bending over something that lay motionless. He looked up at us with a white, pitiful

"He is dead-the master is dead!" he whimpered.

Graden strode up to him, and I followed at his heels.

Professor Peter Mechersky-for such I knew it must be-lay huddled under an old grey cloak that spread wing-wise from his neck, a blot upon the polished oak of the floor. From his face, thin though it was and wasted with disease, he must have been a middle-aged man who had preserved a singular beauty. He had died as a child might fall asleep. Yet the horror that he had escaped he had left to the living; for his attitude was abnormal, impossible, and ghastly to behold.

It was not right that a body should resemble an egg that is broken.

My cousin swept aside the cloak for a moment, and replaced it reverently, though with a hand that trembled.

"He has not a sound bone in his body," he muttered, and then, turning to the old out of the east there sprang upon us a servant, "How did this happen?" said

> "He had been ill for some weeks, mein Herr, and we begged him not to leave his room. But to-day he declared himself better. He insisted that he should descend to the library. Half way down the stairs he tripped and fell. I ran to his side and found him, as you see him, crouched-like-like-

"Like a toad?"

"Yes, mein Herr, like a toad." The man broke into hysterical weep

"The Englishman, Herr Wakefield, was most anxious about my master's health," he stammered out. "The Herr professor became indisposed some ten days after the situation. his arrival; since then he has been most kind, most considerate, sitting by the master's bed for hours. He would allow no other doctor to visit the master. He is a kind, good man, this doctor, the

Herr . Wakefield." "So I believe. How came he to know

your master?" "I am not sure; but I think he brought letter of introduction from a Professor Marnac, of Heidelberg, a gentleman of whom my master disapproved, yet admired for his learning.

"And this Englishman, did he prescribe for your master??"

"Of course. They loved each other, and sat late into the night in their discussions. When my poor master was taken ill, Herr Wakefield took complete charge of him. Ach! If he did but know what had happened!" "Then he is not here?"

"No; he drove to Lemsdorf yesterday afternoon. He had to return to his own country. Ach! If he did but know!" It was plain enough-Marnac, the lin-

guist, was Wakefield, the Englishman. It was he, new from this thing that he driver did his best. The snow had not had done, who had come creeping to my room in the night, being suspicious of monstrosity upon the floor and leaned, shuddering, against the wall. As I did so, Graden strode past me to the open

> "Driver, can your horses take us back?" I heard him say.

"Not without rest and feed, mein Herr. The snow is very bad, and they are tired." "Would a hundred marks to the driver

assist them?" "It is impossible. They could not

reach half way. Wait, mein Herr, and it may be done."

great hand upon my shoulder.
"I'm afraid it's the truth," he said. And then turning to the dead man's servant, "Your master-had he horses?" he asked

My cousin came up to me and laid his

"Three, mein Herr, but they have not yet returned from Lemsdorf, where they went this morning with the big sleigh for provisions."

With a sharp order Graden sent our driver hurrying to the stables. Then, with his arm linked in mine, we followed the old servant into a low-roofed dining-hall. As I dropped upon an oak settle before the great china stove, he thrust his flask into my hands and, with a word of encouragement, slipped away. I knew that he was examining the body, but, doctor though I was, the spirit of investigation had gone out of me. I could no more have assisted him than a medical student can watch, unmoved, his

In about twenty minutes he returned, bearing a tray upon which was set bread one parent left."-Cleveland Leader.

and cheese, flanking a great hamturned from the food with disgust; but, my cousin fell to diligently, complaining the while at my folly in not eating when had the chance,

"You must pull yourself to together," he protested, with his mouth full. "Try this ham now. It isn't half bad."

More to humor him than with any in tention of following his advice, I drew my seat to the table.

"Come, now; that's better," he cried, "To tell the truth, I carving away. haven't the slightest idea what that villain Marnac has been up to. But what I do know is that we've got to catch him dead or alive. Therefore I recommend you to stoke up your body with this ex-cellent-hallo."

"What's the matter now?" I asked irritably; for, indeed, his hearty appetite annoved me.

For answer he rose and pealed the The old manservant, with the brandy flushing his white cheeks, tottered into the room.

"I am sorry to trouble you," said Graden courteously, "but we both set such store by your hams that we wish to know where they can be obtained. Do you cure them yourself?"

"No, mein Herr, but it is done near by," answered the man, with a look of blank surprise.

"Indeed. The Lemsdorf ham is a discovery; it should make a stir. I wonder I had not heard of its merits before." "You see, mein Herr, the big curing station has not long been established."

"A new enterprise?" "Yes, mein Herr. It belongs to Herr Drobin, a South German. Two years ago he took the big farm at Gran, which you passed on your way here. It is this side of the dye-works. He has many pigs in the forest. His hams are becoming famous from Warsaw to Konigsberg. It is said he has some secret in the feeding or curing-no one knows which." "Thank you-that is all."

The door was scarcely shut when I turned botly upon Graden. "How dare you sit here in this house of murder and talk of the excellence of the food?" I cried furiously. "It is shameful, inde-

"Yet we will visit the farm of Gran on our way back. I have some little inquiries to make."

"We shall do nothing of the sort," I

"If you were a soldier or an explorer, Cousin Robert," he said, leaning across and tapping me kindly on the arm, "you would know that in any expedition one alone can be responsible. The rest obey, whether they be few or many. As it is, I

He was right, and I knew it. But to save appearances I walked to the window and stood drumming upon it with my fingers for a while before I answered him. 'Well, do as you please," I said at

beg you to recognize that fact and to

length. "I think the sleigh may be ready by now," he said. "Come, let us go out and inquire."

There is no need to dwell on this miserable drive. The tired horses dragged slowly forward, the driver, sullen and frightened, urging them on with blows and curses. Mile after mile of pine woods marched past us, but we did not speak. crouching in the furs. At last, as night was falling, we reached the edge of the forest and swung aside from the main road into a track that skirted the edge of the pines. The ground sank away into a hollow like the palm of the hand. At the lowest point I could see a square, wooden building flanked by rows of outbuildings. It was, as I imagined, the farm of Gran. But before we reached it, our driver suddenly drew up his horses.

A man was advancing toward us through the trees. Our driver turned, a preparation composed of 50 per cent and with a wave of the whip explained

"It is Herr Drobin," said he. (To be continued.)

CAUSE OF CHINESE BOYCOTT.

Due to Individuals, Not Nation.

to the stringency of the exclusion law, phate is dissolved in one barrel and the but the paramount object of the movement is to raise the Chinese people to an equal footing with any other people thoroughly. When to be used strain in relation with the United States and through a wire strainer, preferably not for securing the actual economic one of brass. advantage of exporting laborers to America, says T. Y. Chang in the Re- potato plants are six inches high and view of Reviews. It is for national be repeated every ten days or two right and dignity rather than for any- weeks, according to the weather, thing else, There are, however, more throughout the growing season. If bugs important points regarding this ques- are to be destroyed, add one pound of tion that should be carefully exam- paris green to each fifty gallons of ined; that is-first, the boycott has bordeaux mixture, but the bordeaux never been authorized by the govern- mixture should be used alone until the ment; second, the boycott has never bugs are noticed. been carried out with any forcible or violent means.

toward promoting the boycott. On the have proved that the value of the crop contrary, the Pekin authorities have was increased three or four times the tried hard to advise the merchants to cost for spraying, it certainly pays and modify their disposition. But no gov- pays well. ernment in the world, however absolute Milk Preservative and Tuberculouis. it may be, has power to compel its subbeen not the least sign of violence or jured the bodies found in tuberculous cott" is considered a legitimate move- milk containing germs, although the upon which the recent alarming news dren. could be supposed to have been based.

Their Great Scheme. "Have you and your wife quar-

reled?"

"No: why?" "I notice that when you take a trip

you always go on different trains." "That's for the children's sake. If

The Moth Pest. Westward the gypsy moth takes its way. It has caused millions of dollars' worth of damage in Massachusetts, has escaped to New Hampshire and Connecticut, and now the invasion is turning toward New York State. This interesting information is conveyed in a letter of warning just issued by E. P. Felt, State Entomologist.

The brown tall moth is a more recent introduction, and, unlike the gypsy moth, files readily. It is not only a very destructive leaf feeder, but the barbed bairs of the caterpillars cause a very severe irritation upon the unprotected skin.

Two rows of warts down the back of the gypsy moth caterpillar make it easily distinguishable. It is about two inches long and the ten anterior warts are blue, the twelve posterior red. The gypsy moth will eat anything in the tree or shrub line, and on the slightest disturbance leap on passersby and cling to elothing.

Brown tail moths have white spots on each side and a single pair of red spots near the tail. They prefer wild cherry, pear, apple, maple, elm and white oak leaves, and have barbed horns, which, breaking off or blowing from the cocoon, produce an intolerable irritation, the "brown tail itch."

Caterpillars of both species, says Mr. Felt, may be destroyed by spraying with an arsenical poisoning, preferably five pounds of arsenate of lead to fifty gallons of water though the gypsy moth caterpillars, especially when nearly full grown, are quite resistant to poison. Eggs of the gypsy moth may be destroyed by treating the egg masses with



NESTS OF THE MOTHS.

creosote oil, 20 per cent carbolic acid, 20 per cent spirits of turpentine and 10 per cent of coal tar.

Spraying to Destroy Bugs.

The recognized formula for bordeaux mixture for use on potatoes is six Movement Declared to Be Wholly pounds of copper sulphate, blue vitriol, No doubt the boycott was wholly due fifty gallons of water. The copper suifour pounds unslacked quicklime and lime in another. Add to each twentyfive gallons of water and then mix

Spraying should be started when the

When it is figured that the cost of spraying does not exceed \$7 an acre, The government has done nothing and it is often less, while experiments

The use of milk preservatives has jects to buy goods from a certain coun- been rather favorably considered by try unless they are willing to do so. the dairy department at the New Jer-No doubt this disagreeable movement sey Experiment Station. Thus the auhas been started by those who had per- thor of a recent bulletin believes that sonally suffered maltreatment under the use of formaldehyde added to milk, the regulations of the Chinese immi- one part in forty thousand, destroys gration service office. But there has the tubercule germs and leaves uninforce, as the boycott has spread through milk which tend to protect against the several provinces. It is purely a volun- disease. The chief danger of infection tary action of individuals. So long as of both calves and children is thought ment by any civilized country of the appearance of pronounced symptoms of world. It is a commercial design and the disease may not be noted until later not a warlike scheme. It is an indi- life. Hence the suggested use of the vidual action and not a national policy. preservative in the quantities mention-There is, therefore, no good ground ed for milk intended for young chil-

"Novelties."

New varieties are often sold because they are "novelties," rather than because they are better than the old, tried and standard kinds. It is better to use varieties of trees and vegetables that are known to be the best for the section where they have been tested, in preference to using others, until either one of the trains should be experience gives an opportunity to eitles should be tested in a limited way. | mowed.

Making Fruit Pulp.

Hard fruits, such as apples and pears, are cut into small pieces without being peeled or having the cores or seeds removed, and placed in cold water containing 1.5 ounces of sait to the gallon to prevent discoloration. The fruit is then bolled to a pulp and strained, a yield of about one-fifth the original weight being obtained. Plums and soft fruits are treated in practically the same manner. With plums the strained pulp is sweetened with about 4.5 pounds of sugar to each hundredweight of fruit and the boiling continued until the pulp is thickened sufficlently to hang from the spoon without dropping. With raspberries and strawberries the boiling must not be prolonged and the pulp need not be strained through so fine a sieve as in the case of plums. The chief points to which care should be devoted are the processes of boiling the fruit. The first bolling should be continued only so long as the consistency of the mass is such as will enable the pulp to pass 1388—Douglas slain at bank at

Mules in Strong Demand.

As indicating the steady growth in public favor which the mule is enjoying, we are glad to note that the proprictor of a Mis-



000, \$1,500, \$1,250, five for \$1,000 each, \$900, \$800, \$700, three jacks and one jennet, \$3,000. A letter from Austin, Tex., says there is WELL BRED JACK

a great shortage of mules in that State. They are in strong demand by farmers and ranchers, and the supply is inadequate. As a result, the prices of good mules have gone up to the highest figures ever known in the State. It will be but a few years until this mule shortage, which is said to exist throughout the country, will be relieved, as much attention is now being given to breeding the animals.-Country Gentleman.

To Make Good Corn Drag.

Any farmer handy with the ordinary tools on a farm can make a corn drag 1861-Hampton. Va., burned...Be attachment for his cultivator that will pay for itself many times in one season, if properly used, says an experienced agriculturist. The common farm 1870-Paris declared in a state of the harrow is too heavy and unwieldy for harrowing corn after it is up, except under the most favorable conditions of soil and weather. To make, get cak one and one-half inches by three. Make in two sections of thee bars each. Let 1874-Marshal Bazaine escaped from each section be long enough to cover all of space between two rows. Brace same as other harrows. No. 60 wire spikes make very good teeth. Set teeth a little slanting and as close as will 1880-Dr. Tanner successfully capit work in your soll without clogging. Attach to beams of corn plow. Arrange so that the drag will cover all the ground when you wish by connecting the two parts. You can, with this arrangement, adjust the drag to suit.

Flies and the Milk Yield. The effect on milk production by the

use of fly repellants has been tested at the Missouri Station. Various mixtures 1885-Imposing funeral of Geo. Grant were found which would keep off the files all day if put on in the morning; but a measurement of the milk and test of the butter fat for a period of two weeks indicated that keeping off the flies did not affect the milk yield. As somewhat similar results were obtained by experiments at the Connecticut Station, it seems fair to concede that the injurious effects of the fly pest have been exaggerated. During the fly time the feed in most pastures is growing poorer every day and the cows naturally shrink then, but it is probably a mistake to blame the flies for much of the shrinkage. For all that, it is worth while to use the mixtures to keep off the flies for the peace and quiet obtained in the stable for both the cows and for the milkmen.

Good Crops for Old Grass Land. The question of what to do with grass land after haying, where the land is run out and poor, is a rather puzzling one, but if we should get rain enough to soften the surface and permit easy plowing, it may be broken up, enriched with manure or fertilizer and immediately seeded with Hungarian. In case the weather should prove too dry for this, barley may be sown either alone or with rye in August for fall feeding. Off good, strong land, well enriched, a crop of late cabbage plants may be set as late as July 15; the turnip seed may be sown even as late as Aug. 1, though July 20 is a better time.

What Merino Breeders Did. Merino breeders in Vermont took a

sheep that sheared nine pounds, and they developed a sheep that sheared forty-four pounds. They took a carcass that weighed 100 pounds, and they made one that weighed 300 pounds. They sold rams for \$3 per head, and there is no disturbance of peace, "boy- to occur in early life through drinking they sold rams for \$3 per head, and deep sympathy with the cott" is considered a legitimate move- milk containing germs, although the world where better sheep were wanted. rettes." The President says that, if any They sent merinos to every part of the

> Agricultural Atoms. An early piece of ground sown to tarley makes the pigs smile.

It is most exasperating to attempt to fix a pump when the stock is standing around waiting and making things unpleasant.

The man who breeds a breed of Logs because he likes them is sure to suc- tation of persons apparently drosse ceed. More depends on the man than on the breed.

All fence rows should be set to grass so as to keep down a dense growth of weeds. If weeds are allowed to grow the disphragm to rise and fall rying means that they well a best wrecked, the kids would have at least know more of the newer varieties. Novone parent left."—Cleveland Leader. eitles should be tested in a limited.



Chase, England. 1514 Peace concluded among Fac

France and Scotland. 1540—Henry VIII. of England as Catherine Howard.

1673-New York surrendered to Dutch. 1675 Greenwich Observatory

lished. 1757-Fort William Heavy surresis Montcalm.

1792—The Swiss Guard killed in in tack on th Tuilleries in Peris. 1800-Non-importation act proclaim President Madison. 1813-Battle of Stonington, Conn.

1815-Napoleon embarked for St. He 1821-Missourl admitted as a State. 1827-George Canning, English ur

man, died. 1830 Louis Philippe proclaimed Kin France. 1841-Steamer Erie burnel on I

Erie: 175 lives lost. 1846-David Wilmot Introduced his p viso in Congress ... Smiths stitution at Washington founded. 1852-Permission granted to M. Th

and other political exiles to to to France. 1858 Ottawa made the capital of the

Wilson's Creek, Mo.

1802-President Lincoln called for 000 men for nine months.

Franco-German war. 1871-Célebration of the Sir Wi Scott centenary at Edinburgh 1873-Steamer Wawasset burned a B tomac river; thirty-five lies let

Isle of Ste. Margnerite. 1878-International monetary e ence opened at Parls ... Berinby

the Austro-Bosian war. a fast of forty days.

1881-Transvaal ceded to the Born I public proclaimed. 1883-Dynamite conspirators at la

pool sentenced to penal services in 1884 Oklahoma "boomers" ousted Indian Territory by United ! troops ... Severe earthquais f

along Atlantic coast.

New York. 1887-Hawaii adopted a new constitu One hundred excursionists tile

in railroad wreck at Forest, EL 1888-Maxwell, the murderer of Charles A. Preller, hanged in St. Leuis... Larry Donovan, American his jumper, leaped from Hung bridge, London, and was droved

1889-Mrs. Florence Maybrick for guilty of murdering her hashed Liverpool. 1891-United States vessels ordered

China because of disturbance. 1893-Geary act enforced. First Ch man deported from San Francisco... Forty-third Congress convesed in traordinary session. Subject, Se man act Severe earthin shocks in California. 1894-The yacht Britannia heat the Co

ilant at Cowes... Earthquake det felt in Memphis, Teau.... Gen Britain declared neutrality is Korean war. 1895-British steamer Chatterfus for

dered near Sydney, N. S. W.; four lives lost. 1800-Retrial of Dreyfus began

Rennes.... Hurricane in West dies; 2,000 drowned. 1903-Pope Pius X. crowned I Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A. S. tired.

1904 Seventy-six persons killed wreck on Rio Grande railroad a Pueblo, Colo, ... British force, Col. Younghusband, entered Last. 1905—President Roosevelt addressed lan-meeting of miners at Wilkes-Barn Pa...St. Thomas P. E. chu New York City, destroyed by fire

Roosevelts as Bird Defenders. Speaking for Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. self, the President, in a letter to liam Dutcher, head of the National sociation of Audubon Societies, expl deep sympathy with the efforts to press known in the military trade as the thing, Mrs. Roosevelt feels more strapped than he does in the matter. Recedit Queen Alexandra of England has mide similar expression.

A New Arttficial Respirate The Litorary Digest translates from Nature the description of a new apinvented by Dr. Eisenminger of varos. Hungary, for the purpose of ducing abdominal breathing is the resident consists of a culrass fitted tightly the body, the chamber of which nected by tube with a bellows. The then alternately compressed and sin ed, thus causing the internal or at a time when the lungs are hall of a