BY MISADVENTURE

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CHAPTER III. After this I said to Flexmore: 'Why on earth don't you marry Miss

Dairymple?" "Do you think that she would have all I came for." me?" he asked, with a composure that showed that the idea was not unconsid-"She is worthy of a better man than I am, and I have no wish to mar-

"That isn't much of a reason. You have to think of what is best for your daughter and Miss Dalrymple. Your little one ought to have a mother-some one from whom she will be inseparable when you are gone; and there's not a soul in the world better fitted to take the place of a mother than that g.rl."

"She must marry Awdrey; that is the husband for that sweet girl."

"Dr. Awdrey!" I exclaimed in astonishment, for I had never thought of him as a marrying man.

Yes. He loves her-I know he does Who could see her and know her, and no: love her? And he is an excellent fellow. I wish he were a little lighter and better looking; but I couldn't wish him to have a better heart, or a more lovable disposition. He's a fine man,

"He won't marry her, for all that. It's as much as ever he can do to keep his head above water now, and fool as he is in worldly matters-he wouldn't tie a millstone round his neck."

"Miss Dalrymple is not a millstone," said poor old Flexmore, warmly.

"I know that. She's a good woman and would work herself ill to help her husband, or worry herself ill if she couldn't. That is what Awdrey would not have his wife do, and the only way to prevent it is to keep single. And single he'll keep.'

"No, Keene, no; he must marry Gertrude. I have thought it all out. My little Laure must have a father as well as a mother when I'm gone and I don't think that is long hence, Tony. I shan't see sixty-four."

I tried to combat this notion, though I myself was far from thinking it improbable; and then to turn the conversation,

"Well, to go back to what you have been thinking out-what's your idea?"

"I wish to put Awdrey in a position to marry Miss Dalrymple. I know he is poor, but I am rich. I would leave him every penny I have on the condition that he adopts Laure as his daughter."

"I see your notion. There will then be second inducement for him to make Miss Dalrymple his wife in the fact that the child is inseparable from her. I think the idea is an extremely good one, so good that I wish I had thought of it my-

"Very well, then; draw up a will in accordance with it. Settle everything upon Awdrey, subject to deduction for a few smaller legacies that I will write in. Let me have the draft of it in a week at the outside, Tony," he said eagerly.

I promised to do this, and went home, turning the matter over in my mind. I considered it from time to time during the week, and finding no material objection to the scheme, I put Flexmore's notion into legal form, with certain modifications, and then took a rough draft for his inspection.

"Is your master at home?" I asked the girl who opened the door. "Yes, sir; he's in the library with Mrs.

Yeames and Mr. Yeames." "Mr. Yeames? what Mr. Yeames?"

asked the little maid, sharply. "Mr. Lynn Yeames is his name, I think,

"Mrs. Yeames' son. I know him," said I; and then I stood, rubbing my feet

sir; a young gentleman."

on the mat and wondering what on earth brought him upon the scene for. No good. I felt sure. Mr. Lynn Yeames was the son of Mrs.

Yeames by her second marriage. This was not much in his favor, but the rest was much less to his advantage. I had been twice employed by Flexmore on his account; once to settle some college debts which Mrs. Yeames declared she could not meet, and a second time to stay an action for breach of promise, threatened by a townsman's daughter with whom he had got entangled. Fellows brought up by foolish women on bad principles are always either getting out of scrapes or getting into them, and I asked myself which purpose had procured his uncle the doubtful pleasure of this visit.

I shook myself together, and went into the library with my wits on the alert. Lynn Yeames was at this time about four-and-twenty and his looks would have deceived anyone but a lawyer. A sturdy young fellow of average height, but very thick-set. His skin was very fair, his eyes very blue, his lips very red; his hair was combed down on one side of his forehead, and he had a small carroty mustache. Most people, I believe, would have been favorably impressed with him, but I did not like him.

He had come down, it seemed, to spend a few days, and he had only been here a day and was awfully bored already-not a decent billiard board in the place, and not a light to be seen after ten-thirty. He wanted to know if there was any fishing or shooting, or any mortal thing a man might do to earn a night's repose.

"There's the piano, Lynn, dear," suggested Mrs. Yeames, anxious to show off her son's accomplishments.

"Have you heard anything lately from Miss Kite?" I asked. This was the name of the injured young lady at Oxford.

"If you please, do not mention the me of that horrid, designing, worthless n." said Mrs. Yeames. 's worth four hundred pounds he was, madam," said I; "for

to pay to make her

set the equanimity of these boisterous young gentlemen.

"Why, seeing you here!" "I want to find some shooting. That's

"I can let you have it, if you are pre-

pared to pay. I have a client who will let you the shooting over two thousand acres. Come to my office and I will arrange it at once." I wanted to get him away from there.

for already I scented the purpose with which he had been brought; and I was anxious to let him the shooting which was twenty miles off.

"Oh! you cannot go yet, dear,' interposed Mrs. Yeames; "you have not seen Laure. How is that little darling. George, dear?"

"Very well, thank you. She has gone for a walk with Miss Dalrymple."

"Miss Dalrymple? Who is she? a governess?" asked Lynn.

"Something more than that-quite a friend of the family-a most estimable young lady. She was a professional nurse, but-what do you think?-it turns out she is the niece of the Earl of Dunover!"

This change in Mrs. Yeames' regard towards Gertrude was not surprising, considering what a sycophant the widow was; but nothing could make me believe that in the past twenty-four hours she had said not a word about her to Lynn. "I should like to see the young lady-

if she is young," said Lynn. "Oh, she is, I assure you, and excessively charming and pretty," said Mrs.

Yeames; "quite superiah! You really must see her."

"We'll go to the office and settle about that shooting," said I, rising. We left Mrs. Yeames at her cottage, and went on to my place of business. Nothing was said about my old friend

Flexmore until we had settled about the shooting, when Lynn said, as he took up his stick and deerstalker: "Poor old nuncky looks precious shaky. should you? He's sixty-two, you know."

"His life's worth ten years' purchase," said I emphatically. "Is it, though?" Then after a pause-

"I suppose he's pretty warm?" "I would give fifty thousand for his estate at this moment."

"Who's this Miss Thingumbob the mater was talking about?" "Miss Dalrympie. She is a particular-

sensible young lady," I replied. "Wouldn't mind marrying the old man if she had the chance, eh?" "I hope not, sincerely." "Oh, you approve of his marrying Miss

Dalrymple, do you?" "Undoubtedly-for his own sake and the sake of his child. It's the very thing I have been persuading him to do."

He was not sharp enough to see that my object was to put him on a wrong answered heartily, 'Yes!" scent, and avert his suspicion from our actual wish and purpose.

"Well, if it is really to nuncky's interest to marry the girl. I hope he may get ber," said he, giving me his hand; and we looked straight into each other's face before saying good-bye. I read in his eyes, "But he sha'n't marry her if I can help it." What he read in mine I cannot say.

Business took me to London, and kept me there hard at it for a fortnight. I had scarcely time to think of old Flexmore, but I went straight to him the moment I returned. I found a perceptible difference in his appearance; he looked a couple of years older.

"I am glad to see you, Tony," he said, holding my hand in his and giving it a trembling shake from time to time, am getting anxlous about the will, I can't last long, I know; and I am very unsettled in my mind about many things."

"You shall sign the draft and that will hold good in case of accident while the copy is being drawn up in form. We'll settle that after dinner-for I mean to dine with you, George. There's game cooking; I can smell it."

"Yes; we have had a good deal of game lately. Lynn brings something nearly ev-

'What, he came to stay a week, and is not gone yet?" I cried. Flexmore shook his head. "I don't

think he means to go away, either," he said "What does he come here for? Do you

know, George?" I asked. "To see Miss Dalrymple, I believe. He is paying her marked attention."

"I knew it!" I cried. "I saw what he was after.' "Do you think he means to marry her?

Is that what you saw?" "No: but I saw he had made up his mind to prevent you marrying her!"

CHAPTER IV.

What I had not foreseen was the means by which Lynn Yeames precluded an offer of marriage being made to Miss Dalrymple by his uncle. I had not thought of him making love to her himself; rather I anticipated his taking some underhand measures, in conjunction with his mother, to prejudice Flexmore against her. "You have not encouraged your nephew's visits, have you, George?" I asked.

"No; at the same time I could not refuse to receive him. There is nothing in his behavior I could take exception to. Indeed, he has tried his utmost to make himself agreeable."

"I don't doubt that for a moment, hang him! He can make himself pleasant if he likes, or unpleasant, either. I warrant he's clever enough to keep his mother out of sight. What effect has he made on Miss Dalrymple with his agreeable ways?"

"I am afraid she likes him. It is only natural she should be brighter and gayer in his society. I am very dull, and there are no visitors here-none of her own age -and then Lynn is clever and lively, he plays nicely, and sings well, too. "He is very attentive, and she could not be un-

"We must stop it at that. There's no time to be lost," said I.

"Do you think he intends to marry her?"

"Not unless he's sure she has money. If your money were settled on her, he would. We will set his mind at rest on that subject. You must sign your will, and give me permission to make its provisions known to Dr. Awdrey. I wager that we will soon put Master Lynn's nose

out of joint." I took care to be on the road about the time Awdrey was starting on his rounds, and when he came up in his glg I asked him to give me a lift as far as Langly. He had to shift half a dozen books from the seat beside him to make

place for me. "What on earth are you carting your library about for?" I asked. "They're only books of reference. Going

along straight roads and up hill I can give the old pony the reins and do a bit of work." "You're burning the candle at both

ends; it's bad enough to sit up half the night over your books. Families don't care for bachelor doctors. You ought to marry !"

"Marry!" exclaimed Awdrey with a grim laugh; and then he looked ruefully into the distance. "Yes, marry." I repeated. "There's

Miss Dalrymple; you ought to marry "What, do you think she likes me?" he asked, with eager quickness.

"I don't know who doesn't like you." "Oh, in a general way," said he in a tone of disappointment. "Well, supposing she had liked me well enough to risk the chance of poverty, do you think it would have been fair to take advantage of her courage, knowing what an unlucky beggar I am?"

"But you're not an unlucky beggar," said I. "Read that," and I put the draft of old Flexmore's will into his hand, open, that he might have no hesitation in glancing at it.

He just ran his eye down the draft, which could be read at a glance, for I pride myself on writing legibly and boldly, and then exclaimed, turning to me ir astonishment:

"Great powers! Why should Flexmore leave me all this money?"

love, and that his child may have a good woman as well as a good man to protect and befriend her."

He dropped his hand, and I folded up the draft and slipped it back in my pocket. When I glanced at him again he was staring into the distance, and there was moisture on the lower lash of his

I had only known this a week ago!" made? The draft was made out a fort to a life which would draw them by

night ago." He shook his head. "Don't you know that Lynn Yeames is in love with her?" he asked. "He came to me and in a frank and loyal manner told me that he had heard that I was an old friend of Miss Dalrymple; he asked me if I were more than her friend-if I intended to make her my wife. I knew what that meant, and answered that I had no in- jey camp as well as garrison service, tention to marry her, and that she was though the duties are harder. It is and wasting time and money, they are free so far as I was concerned. 'In that case,' said he, 'I shall make her my wife,' And we shook hands on this understanding. With my hand in his, he asked if he might consider me his friend, and I

"Confound Lynn Yeames!" I cried, unable to control my exasperation.

"You must admit that he acted openly willing to do for their country, and loyally," said Awdrey. "You are In a recent number of the deceived in him." "Yes," I replied, "for I did not think

he was such a clever rascal as he is. Awdrey," I added, after a minute's thought 'you must forget last week." "Forget that I renounced all hope of making Gertrude my wife! Forget an understanding made with a man to whom

gave my hand as a friend! You don't know me, Mr. Keene." "Oh, yes I do." said I savagely. "Put me down here. I might as well try to soften the Lord Chief Justice with a sigh as convert you from your principles with reasoning, you obstinate, stiff-backed old

pill-monger: Here, give me your hand," added, as I got to the ground, and I tried to hurt him with my grip. "There! I've done with you; go on," said I. But Yeames yet, drat him!" (To be continued.)

A Useful Cyclone Cellar.

"I see you have a cyclone cellar?" said the New York man visiting s Western friend. "Couldn't get along without it."

"Have many cyclones here?" "No, never."

"Why is the cellar so useful, then?" "I have three daughters learning to play the piano. 'The piano's out there!" -Yonkers Statesman,

All Sunshine.

Studious Sam-Here is where some scientists states that in 2,000,000 years rain will never fall on the earth.

Jolly Jack-Gracious! I hope I live that long." Studious Sam-Why so? Jolly Jack-Why, when those sunny from injury, including poisons. days arrive we won't have to save up

for a rainy day. Philosopher Spenks.

noticed about men and women," remarked the home-grown philosopher.

"What is that?" queried the youth. "It is so much easier for them to tell what they don't know than it is to hide what they do know," replied the wise party.—Chicago News.

More Rest.

"You lazy tramp," said the industrious citizen, "why are you not a son of toll?"

"Because, boss," yawned Languld Luke, as he blew a puff of smoke at a wandering grasshopper, "it is so much ensier to be a ton of soil."

A Superior Sort.

"No wonder this chicken is tough," growled the city boarder; "here is a plece of rubber in it."

"Wall, that's all right, neighbor," drawled the old farmer. "I advertised automobile-killed chickens, didn't 1?"

ARMY DISCOURAGED IF PAY IS NOT RAISED

Officers Deeply Concerned Over Future if Men Are Not Given Adequate Compensation.

MORE INFANTRY IS NEEDED.

Wages for Work-Enlightening Article by General Carter.

Washington correspondence: bill granting an increase of pay to the ber. they are concerned second. The tu-popular outbins rate with the condition is the more serious, begreat numbers may be admitted. We 1778—France acknowledged independent cause it means that if things go on as they have been doing the country and its island possessions will be defense-

Men who have worn shoulder knotsince the days of the civil war say in all seriousness that unless the people bring pressure to bear upon Congress to provide adequate pay for the "That you may marry the girl you soldiers the people will find themselves, as far as the regular army enters into the matter, practically without defense, and reduced almost to the stage of having no seasoned force as a nucleus of efficiency for untrained national guardsmen and green volunteers. Post libraries, recreation rooms, field athletics, comfortable quarters, "Too late, too late!" he faltered. If good food, good clothing, free medical attendance and plunge and shower "Well, what difference would that have baths all avail nothing to attract men the thousands if a decent allowance of pay for the service they render in peace, and always have been willing to render in war, were added to the inducements.

Joint encampments of the regulars and the national guardsmen will be held next summer. The regulars enthe belief of officers of the army that giving us an object lesson which these encampments, into whose milltary life the national state soldiers enter, would induce enlistments from ence, and which it is the urgent duty the national guard by the hundreds if of professional soldiers to point out; the men knew that their pay would be namely, that time and training are 1805 Gen, Sherman left Savannah a commensurate with the work they are both necessary to convert an untrained

American Review General William H. or signal corps. The last great war 1870-Steamer City of Boston sale Carter, commanding the Department clearly demonstrated that the side of the Lakes, has an enlightening arti- which is ready and acts promptly gains cle under the strongly suggestive title, a decisive advantage. "When Diplomacy Falls." It is writ- "The engineer force as now organwear his star.

Army officials believe that if the et of the service." tablishment were enlarged post life would be far more attractive because of the greater number of soldiers in the garrison. If the proposed advance as we parted, I added, speaking to my. in pay is passed by Congress the offiself, "But I've not done with Lynn cers also believe that there will be no trouble in keeping the ranks filled, and that re-enlistments will be the rule rather than the exception, as they are

Low Death Rate in Navy.

Much interesting information in regard to the navy is found in the recent annual report of Surgeon General Rixey. With an average strength, including the Marine Corps, of about 42,000, both affeat and ashore, the total number of deaths in the navy for the year was 241, a ratio of 5.66 per 1.000.

under constant surveillance should make ever possible business shall be transacted a better record than the heterogeneous population of a city. But the contrast order is in the interest of economy and rate of from 30 to 35, or even higher, ber of messages sent from the Broad in the cities is a good showing for the street station, Philadelphia, by nearly former.

Of these 241 deaths only 144 were

Photos Sent by Wireless. Pascal Berjonneau, an inventor, recent-

ly exhibited before the Postmaster Gen-"There is one peculiar thing I have eral at Paris a new telephotography apparatus which can be adapted to the of his method. Photographs, he says, Paris.

Tailor Shop on a Liner.

A novel feature being planned for the new Hamburg-American liner Europa, now building at Belfast, is a tailor shop and modiste parlor under the direction 000 and \$1,000,000,000 worth of equipof first-class "artists." There is also to ment is idle in the country and that it who has spent two years in Early be a lewelry store and tanks for correction of the store in More be a jewelry store and tanks for carry- is therefore costing the railroads nearly cently returned to his home in 'ng live soles for the restaurant.

Public Land Sharks Set Free. Judge Lewis of Denver, in ruling that contracts to transfer public lands held ed that for every thirty freight cars which laughed and said: "I have lawyers under dummy entries are not illegal if have become till under dummy entries are not illegal if have become idle an engine has been put they will take care of the suits. The made before allotment, has freed seven- in the shops, which would mean that fully not worth talking about. 1 am 18 teen men indicted for such frauds, but an 12 000 become firm teen men indicted for such frauds, but an 12,000 locomotives are without loads to old. The real question is which will appeal was to be taken at once. appeal was to be taken at once.

WANTS BIG ARMY.

Major General Bell Says Uncle Sam Should Have 250,000 Men.

A United States army of 250,000 men. That is what Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, says Uncle Sam would need if involved in war with any first-class power. "We should not allow ourselves to nurse a false sense of security," says this man, who is in charge of the United States army, in his annual report, "or continue to entertain the illusion that a brave, but untrained, unorganized people can grapple successfully with another nation better trained and organized."

This is from Gen. Bell's report, in Half-Filled Regiments Result of Low which he asks the government to consider important facts, recommending an increase in the army and the restoration of the canteen.

"It is a modest assumption," says Gen. Bell, "to say that the United States will, if involved in war with Vashington correspondence:

One could not exaggerate if he would any first-class power, require the im- 1655 Cromwell dissolved Parliament the spirit of actual hopelessness with mediate mobilization of 250,000 men. 1666 France declared war against part which the officers of the American to be speedily followed by as many army will view the future if Congress more, with a possible ultimate addifalls at the present session to pass the tional increase of four times that num-

rank and file. At some of the posts "One division, 18,00 troops, is, of 1712—Conference for peace opened at there are barely enough soldlers to do course, not sufficient to meet any need guard duty as it ought to be done, at a time when isolation has become 1766. Benjamin Franklin examined a It is a present condition with which a thing of the past, and we have points the army officers are concerned first, of a possible friction in so many diand it is a future condition over which rections. That we can first in any they are concerned second. The fu-popular outburst raise volunteers in



have the men, the money, etc., but we will not have the time to convert these men into soldiers able to cope with the trained soldiers of other nations. It can be safely relied upon that the remoteness of war largely depends upon preparation to meet it. Unless other great nations are wrong Americans will some time have to 1862-The ironclad "Monitor" lauschet learn by costly and humiliating experivolunteer into a soldier, whether for 1868-United States Congress exempted In a recent number of the North Infantry, cavalry, artillery, engineers

ten by an officer not given to sounding ized is insufficient for the needs even trumpet alarm notes and who for the of proper peace training of the army. 1878-The Russians occupied Kassa worth of his service was made a Brig- During the past two years, on not less adier General years before the time than ten or twelve occasions, actual | when under the ordinary rule of pro- necessities for engineer troops have motion he would have been entitled to arisen which could not be met, because of the relative smallness of this branch



Reports are to the effect that the Wisconsin Central is securing a through route between Chicago and Winnipeg by the way of Duluth.

The management of the Pennsylvania It is natural that a picked class of men road has issued instructions that wherby train letters instead of telegraph. The between a rate of 5.66 in the navy and a has resulted in reducing the daily num-2,000.

On New Year's eve culminated a from disease. The remaining 97 were unique movement for industrial temperance when a pledge of total abstinence signed by 25,000 employes of the North-believes that President Roosevelt has believes the president Roosevelt Roosevelt Roosevelt has believes the president Roosevelt Roose western railroad went into effect. It en an important step in this director started among the employes after it had his recommendation that both State been made known that the management national governments should encountry was selecting the drinking men for dismissal in reducing the force.

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It is estimated by members of the car service committee that between \$760,000,-\$4,000,000 a month in interest charges to town, N. J. When asked about the town, it is identified a maintain it in idleness. There are 375,- for restitution of several million 000 freight cars standing idle on side- lars which the management of his tracks throughout the country. It is stat- company has brought against him.

land.

1677-Arrival of royal commissioners a investigate the causes of the rest lion in Virginia.

the House of Commons respecting the stamp act.

1775 Second provincial Congress met g Cambridge, Mass. of the United States ... Burgopar

army denied embarkation at Ba 1781-Gen. Greene took command d

Morgan's army. 1807-Pall Mall, London, lighted with gas the first street of any city a illuminated.

1810 Guadaloupe surrendered to the British 1811—The famous Boll Rock lighthers, off the coast of Scotland, first lets

1813-Spanish Cortes abolished the is-1830-Independence of Greece deciral by the allied powers.

1834 Richard Lawrence attempted &

1847-Lord Elgin reached Montreal and

took the oath of office as governor d

assassinate President Andrew Just S36-Alpaca wool first introduced his England.

Canada. 1852-State house at Columbus, Ohio, & stroyed by fire. 1856-Chilean war steamer Cudox Cur-

den wrecked, with loss of 318 line 1859 James Francis Smith, governor general of the Philippine blank born at San Francisco. 1861-Kansas admitted to the Union

1863-Confederate gunboats attaid blocksding squadron at entrance b Charleston harbor.

his northward march. cotton from the intermi revenue. from Halifax for Glasgow with M souls on board and was perer heri

of again. 1871-Paris surrendered to the German after a siege of 131 days.

1889 - Three million dollar fire in Buffit N. Y. 1892-Supreme Court decided Nebrahi

governorship contest in favor d James E. Boyd, Democrat. 1895 Japanese captured Wei-Hal-Wd from the Chinese. 1808 Great strike of engineers in Es-

land came to an end. 1902 - Anglo-Japanese treaty signed 1906-Frederick VIII. proclaimed King of Denmark.

Handlerafts for Farmers.

The editor of the Craftsman in the corent number proposes that the felent government aid in bringing about a sail needed reform in the industrial systems the United States by extending the sufof the Department of Commerce as to assist small farmers in develop home arts and crafts and assist them is finding a market for the products of sad craftsmanship. The editor takes pains is say that in this appeal for government recognition of handicrafts ailled with er riculture he is not considering the social ed "arts and crafts" movement as it sp peals to the leisure class. What he is in mind is practically to encourage at chanical industries as a means of correct ing the evils of the factory system, doing away with the menace of the unempi and relieving the congestion in our di He refers to the official encouragements such crafts in Hungary, and to the # markable success resulting therefrom He movements among farmers. It is not co The railroad companies doing business templated that this development of his

> McCurdy Laughs at Suits. Richard A. McCurdy, former pre of the Mutual Life Insurance Coss the longest, the suits or myself."