epulchre Pelee

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CHAPTER VI.

Constable remembered turning into the driveway after his terrific exertion; remembered that the girl and her mother were standing upon the veranda; that the former stretched out her hand to help him and the elder woman released a cutting remark. Then a servant brought a chair, and billows of nausea surged over him. Just as his consciousness waned, and he was launching, chair and all, into space. Lara's voice reached him again. * * * Then he was in the hallway, through some miracle, and insisting most uncom monly that he was not to be taken into the library, but into the music room, because the windows there commanded the mountain.

He awoke to the interesting discovery that Miss Stansbury was fanning him. Presently she re-chilled a towel in the iced basin and folded it upon his forehead, now deliciously cool.

"It's mighty sweet of you to take care of me this way," he muttered gratefully. "How is Pelee? How long have I been here? The last I remember, I was lost in the hall, and you found me."

"You've been here about three hours, Mr. Constable. Pelee is quiet again, but the whole world is white outside-a perfect blizzard of ash has fallen! They say a terrible thing has happened at the extreme northern end of the city. The River Branch overflowed her banks, and ran with boiling mud from the volcano. Thirty people are reported killed and the Usine Guerin destroyed."

She thought he was considering the disaster in the silence which followed, but in reality he was battling with the old

"Miss Stansbury," he said finally, "is there anything a man possessed of full faculties could do, say or bring about that would induce your mother to spend the night off-shore?"

She shook her head. 'You know that the Madame could be brought in for the mails to-morrow morn-

"I have taken the liberty to suggest that to mother," Lara replied. "She says that to-morrow will be time enough."

"Miss Stansbury, won't you put yourself in the care of Captain Negley tonight? I hope I'm wrong, but the Guerin disaster may be only a preliminary demonstration-like the operator experimenting to find if it is dark enough to start the main fireworks. You know, I would stay ashore, and Negley is a good old man of the sen."

"Don't you understand, Mr. Constable?" she said, in real distress for denying him so repeatedly. "Don't you see that such a thing would bring down a miserable scene upon our heads? Besides, I am not thinking of my own safety as such a paramount thing. I don't want to am, a child with man's tools, gassing the be one of Job's lone survivors. Mother night through, and she across the hall

The pale, searching face regarded her. Again he was silent. His lips were shut, his eyelids half-closed. * * A swift intuition was borne to the woman. He was about to renew the siege. She was not ready, and shrank from being moved to a decision which she had not formed in the privacy of her own mind. The last two days of suffering had rendered her strangely responsive to his mental actions. His quest had filled her brain with wonders, but they were not yet coalesced -impulses and inspirations without unity, unbound as yet by judgment. She wanted to yield with grace, if it came to that, but not to be overthrown. His hand reached for hers, but she drew away. "Miss Stansbury-

"Please don't say it now!" she whispered swiftly, her words startling herself quite as much as the man. "These are such dreadful hours! We must think of the crisis-only of that-putting behind all that passed last night!"

"Until?" said Constable, sitting up. "Oh, who can tell? One knows-Mr. Constable, isn't it wicked of you to muddle me this way?"

A smile from him had given her the saving turn. The tension was eased. Now, as he held out his hand to her, she was not slow to accept it, or to miss the meaning of the compact.

"Pelee will be beyond the sky line for us all pretty soon," he said cheerfully. "We'll be very good pals in the meantime. Please go to the window and see how our ogre is faring-the giant who thinks he's going to eat us when we're prime-'member the fairy story? By the way, Miss Stansbury, did you ever have a set of billiard balls cracking off caroms on your brain pan?"

"Yes, and ten-pins. Men don't know headache matters. * * * The north is clearer, sir. A little while ago it was all a seething mass of blacks and grays."

An exclamation broke from her lips, and Constable joined her at the window. A dozen birds had fallen to the lawn from the eaves. Most of them were dead from the tainted air. The sight brought the situation more forcibly than ever to her mind.

"I should think the birds would fly away!" she said pityingly. "Perhaps the mother birds are waiting

for mails to come in," suggested a voice behind them. Mrs. Stansbury was standing in the hall doorway.

A gracious rain cleared the air of early evening, and Constable settled himself for a further nap at the north window upstairs. He had not realized his exhaustion, and was astonished to find that it was midnight when he awoke. He was stronger, but a cyclonic headache still oppressed him. Glad though he was for the bours passed, still he was by no means unappreciative of the chances he had taken. A forlorn hope of saving the lady, even though a destroying eruption evertook them at the plantation house, had grown in his mind since the night before. To be caught asleep would render this

chance a far one. The Guerin disaster might be considissue, as well as a forerunner of chaos. plained the proper policy for him to take. The mountain's overflow into the River To-day he devotes a half-column of inered among the promises of a favorable

Blanch might have eased the pressure upon the craters. There was no authority nor precedent for such a hope. If Pelee's fuse were burning shorter and shorter toward a Krakatoan cataclysm, it was not for man to say what spark would shake the world. Still, Constable held the hope.

He turned on the lights in the room. A cablegram had been slipped under the door. It proved to be an answer to a nessage he had sent to Basse Terre in the morning, regarding the movements of the Panther.

"Str. Panther arrived and departed here on time,"

he read. There was strength in the word. The mail liner reasonably might be expected to call at Martinique with the dawn, according to schedule. mails should be ready for distribution at nine.

"We'll have luncheon aboard the Madame to-morrow," Constable mused, "and while the blessed maiden is passing cake and pouring tea, the Madame will be running like a scared deer, to hitch herself to the solid old Horn, built of rock and sealed with icebergs!" He shaded his eyes at the window, star-

ing beyond the city into the ashen shroud -Pelee's flag of truce. "Grand old martyr," he murmured devoutly. "Hang on, hang on !" There was a tap at the door, and Breen

was admitted. "I haven't seen much of you in the past three zons, miscalled days," said Consta-

"It is true. I have felt my own inconsequence in the presence of the big drama here. It is your drama, Peter. Then, I have found a place of many marvels.

"Pere Rabeaut's?"

"None other. There is something like coolness in this thrice-burned isle. Also a maiden creature, half child, half woman, wholly wonderful."

"I have been glad to see you make the best of things. Of course one can never tell on a cruise where one is to encounter a series of business obligations -such as

"True again," Breen said gravely. "I have been busy as that, but have accomplished nothing. Seriously, Breen, times are running close. Guerin's the first volley. To think I haven't been to the mountain; haven't taken a photograph or a note! My fellow researchers in things seismic will never forgive me for this. Breen, I thought I had a scientific mind-thought that even though I bulled in all else, I was a loyal geologist; but I have betrayed even that decent instinct. Another man would have had the women away to sea and be attending the mountain now; but here I and Uncle Joey and you must go-when -marked, for all I know, for Pelee's I do."

"There's only one way when words fail, Peter. If the mountain won't recede from the maiden, you must snatch up the maiden and make a get-away from the mountain."

"I'm not pirate enough, Breen," Constable replied wearily. "By the way, I'm sending some of the natives of the city-the women with babes-out to the Madame for cool air. There is no reason in the world why we shouldn't entertain our friends of the shop. Soronia is too rare a creature to be immolated by Pelee's bursting boilers. She and the Pere might just as well share the benefits. You see, the presence of others makes it possible. Attend to it, will you?"

"Good old Peter," Breen said softly; 'but I don't think they would come Who'd feed the little song birds?"

"Have her bring the birds along. They'll die there!" "I had planned not to go to the little

shop again, Peter." Constable turned upon him abruptly. Why?" said he.

'You see, Peter, she is such a rare little soul-asking so little and so ready to give her all for the promise of a man -think of it. I have found a good many playthings, pottering around this little sunshot planet-clear little films they are now, which stick in the brain and won't Let me alone, Peter, and I'll wander back to reason presently. A very ugly album is a sinner's memory, and when it is quite full the sinner usually diessometimes off Brooklyn piers. The truth is, I found a shred of conscience developed under your culture and Pelee's heat; and so I refused another plaything, refased to crowd another film into that suliled album of mine. I iled, said I didn't understand that admiration meant any thing to her-and went away. Not too late, I trust. She is a natural optimist, and slow to lose faith in mankind."

Constable believed that Soronia had found her first lover in Breen, and he pitied the heart so suddenly impassioned and so swiftly dethroned of its dream. He remembered the face of Soronia in the court shadows, and his pity lingered,

They talked until the Panther lights shone afar in the offing, misty with dawn and volcano fog; then parted for an hour's rest. Constable was the first below, and there was little joy with the coming of the day. The rumblings of the mountain were renewed. The great tower of ash shot up yesterday was still falling; the trees and shrubbery in the gardens were bent with the weight of white; indeed, many branches were broken. The dismal bellowing of cattle and the stamping of ponies were heard from the barns It was only by keeping the doors and windows of the house tightly shut that living was bearable. The native who brought the copy of Les Colonies were a thick wet rag over his nostrils, and had the appearance of having freshly emerged from a bin of cement. Constable and Breen were first in the breakfast room.

"This pudgy editor," Constable declared savagely, as he read the morning paper. "Yesterday I called upon him and in sweet modesty and limping French ex-

sufferable humor to my force of character and extreme views.

Constable translated Mondet's account of the Guerin disaster, and his assurances of the safety of Saint Pierre, so far as the mountain was concerned. "Oh the flakiness of that French mind!" he exclaimed. "With a volcano in the pangs of dissolution, towering over the city, is apparently in dread of an earthquake! * 'Where on the island,' thus he inquires editorially, 'could a more secure place than Saint Pierre be found in the event of an earthquake visitation?"

Constable crushed the paper in his hand. He glanced at his watch and then at the mountain, from a habit now grav-

"The northern end of Saint Pierres is flooded out like an ant hill under a kettle boiling over," he capitulated thoughtfully. "The mountain is gathering for another demonstration. Let us flee with all dispatch to the craters of the volcano, to escape this hypothetical earthquake! M. Mondet certainly enthralls me. I must call upon him again. * * Breen. is there any way to stimulate the distribution of the Panther mails?"

CHAPTER VII. Immediately after breakfast Constable drove down to the city to send out final orders to Captain Negley, and attend certain matters having to do with the Madame's facilities for entertainment. Uncle Joey was to go for the mails. If he could prevent, Constable was minded that there should be no hitch nor tangle at the last moment. In spite of darkish apprehensions, his heart would burst now and then into singing, since he asked but two hours more of old Pelee, upon whose summit was now written in lightning and black cloud the ominous letters of Dis-

The ladies were left to such graceful ministrations of Breen as were found needful. Mrs. Stansbury, having gained her point, imposed no further delays. The eagerness of the daughter was controlled, but in no way concealed. The past three days had left a pallor upon her face, and shadows under her eyes, but the innate fineness of her features seemed intensified rather than diminished by physical suffering, and the more subtle perturbations of the inner woman.

"When a strain brings out the splendor of a woman's face, mark her well for a thoroughbred," Breen had found occasion to whisper to his friend. The sentence was soul's refreshment, as Breen intended it to be.

Constable, indeed, was contemplating the full significance of the words, and their possible bearing upon his present and future, as he rode down the Morne d'Orange into the Rue Victor Hugo. The little black carriage of Father Damien was approaching, and, gripped by a sudden idea, Constable halted it, saying to the elder spirit of the parish, whom he had met at the plantation house: "Father, take this two thousand francs and use it for the maintenance of the homeless refugees in Fort de France. I shall see that more funds get to you to-day."

A little way further, another carriage approached, one of the public conveyances of the city this time. Behind the driver loomed the head and shoulders of a white man-hard head and broad shouldersthe sight of whom struck the music from vehicles stopped abruptly.

Well, I've got you "Where's the ual remarked cheerfully.

other fellow?" Let it be known that the man whom Constable now faced was the same energetic person who occasioned discord on the Brooklyn pier, just as the Madame swung blithely forth into the harbor. Constable was thinking very rapidly. He felt prepared to commit murder rather than have his plans for the morning thrust aside.

"The other fellow?" he repeated gent-

"The man hidden in your cabin when you cleared. His name is Nicholas Stembridge, if you don't happen to know," the stranger said, with some impatience "Where is he?"

"Where you saw him last," Constable said, with sudden cordiality; "and I want to state that I'm glad to see you-that is," he added doubtfully, "if you've come to take him away. If you've looked me up, you'll have found that I'm usually ready to pay in money, hide, or liberty. for the mistakes I make."

.(To be continued.)

No Pay for Mother.

"Mother gets up first," said the new office boy. "She lights the fire and gets my breakfast so I can get here early. Then she gets father up, gets his breakfast and sends him off. Then she gives the others their breakfast and gets 'em ready for school; and then she an' the baby have their breakfast."

"What is your pay here?" asked the

a day."

"How much does your mother get?" "Mother!" he said indignantly. 'Why, she don't have to work for any-

body. "Oh! I thought you just told me she worked for the whole family every

morning." "Oh! that's for us-but there ain't no money in that."

Saved by the Trolley.

Knox-Saw Green and his wife at them knows the difference between a symphony and a sonata.

to confess my ignorance, but I'm in the

Knox-Why - er - a sonata, you know-er-I mean a symphony issay, there's my car, old man; see you

Puzzles the Small Boy. The small boy is apt to wonder why a young man has the shoulders of his cont padded instead of the seat of his

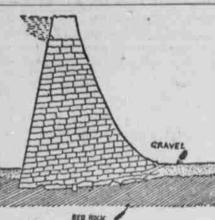
trousers.-Philadelphia Record. Buenos Aires has a population of 1,200,000, of which about 80 per cent is foreign, the Italians forming about 60 per cent of the foreign population.



Building a Dam. I expect to build a dam on a creek for a saw mill. Dam will be about 100 feet long at top to raise the water ten feet. 1. What would be the cheapest way of building the dam? 2. Will you give a plan of such a dam? 3. What size of turbine would be necessary to run a 48-inch circular saw?

shows a cross-section of the style of dam that would be required for this purpose. Dams are sometimes constructed by a curbing of wood, masonry, or cement, the interior being filled with dry stones. Such a dam is called a rock-fill dam. If stone is plentiful, the dam may be built entirely of masonry. The top should be laid either with plank or cement.

As the illustration shows, the dam is laid on bed-rock, the bed rock being blasted out sufficiently to secure a key and a solld footing generally. With a ten-foot dam the base should be ten feet wide. On the upstream side, the batter or slope of the dam is about 1 In 4, and on the downstream side the upper part of the batter is about 1 in 3 top layer fruit of the same color. The and the lower part 1 in 1. The dam throughout its length should curve upstream, so as to present a concave sur-



DAM FOR SAW MILL POWER.

face to the pressure of the water. The masonry work should be constructed of rubble with cement mortar, and all done.

A necessary provision in connection with a dam is sufficient wasteway for water not utilized for power. The common form of wasteway is a tunnel through the dam sufficiently large to provide for the maximum amount of water that would be required to pass through it. In addition sluice gates the brain of Constable, as a knife that is should be provided, by which the flow slashed across the strings of a harp. Both of water would be controlled. The water to be utilized for power may be carried to the wheel by means flume. A fifteen-inch turbine wheel would provide from 8 to 10 horse power, which would be sufficient to run a saw of the size mentioned .- Montreal

For Feeding Stock.

A bucket of peculiar construction, designed especially to be used by farmers and dairymen in feeding slop to stock and in the



man. It serves in a sense as a dipper. The arrangement is such that it can be filled by forcing it bottom downward into a receptacle of fluid substance, the

hinged portion of the NEW BUCKET. bottom being opened to permit the bucket to be filled and closed to hold the contents nutil carried to the place of feeding. The contents can thus be discharged into a trough without wasting it and without the liability of spilling it upon the clothes of the operator. The hinged portion of the bottom of the can is operated by a rod extending above the top, which terminates into a handle. As the bucket is carried by the latter, pressure is always maintained upon the bottom to keep it closed. When it is desired to "I get \$3 a week and father gets \$3 discharge the contents the handle is pushed downward.

Pig Money in Waste Land. The woven wire fence is revolutionizing the hog industry in the whole country, and when farmers learn to utilize every bit of waste land for pasture for their hogs the herds will be healthy and the cost of production will be decreased many dollars. It won't do to allow the pigs to lie in the shade of the corn cribs or to allow them only a run of pasture. Feed a little corn all the opera last night. I can't see where of the time that the pigs are running their enjoyment came in, as neither of in the pasture. The grass-grown pig does not appear so attractive with his working clothes on, but when he is well same boat. By the way, what is the cents. He makes a fine appearance and crop. is a credit to his owner and feeder.

Portable Canning Machine. A machine by which the farmer can

prepare and can his fruits, tomatoes, corn, beans or any other farm produce which can be canned, in the fields or is growing, is described in Popular Mechanics. Mounted on a wheelbarrow ed by a kerosene burner.



Why salt should be regularly supolled to stock is thus put by a famous English authority: Because in the blood of animals there is six or seven times more sodium than potassium, and that the composition of the blood is constant. To keep animals in good. health a definite amount of common salt must be assimilated. The excess of potassium salts in vegetable foods causes by chemical exchange an abnormal loss of common salt. This is proved by the fact that the craving of an animal for common salt is most noticeable when the food contains a large proportion of potassium salts, such as wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, beans and peas. The addition of salt to animal food increases the appetite, promotes the repair of tissue by its searching diffusion through the body, and stimu-Ans.-The accompanying sketch lates the rapid using up of lis, waste products. Boussingault's experiments showed that sait increases muscular vigor and activity, and improves their general appearance and condition. The Right Way to Pack Fruit.

Salt for Live Stock.

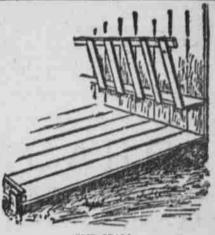
If the fruitgrower simply tumbles his apples into the barrel without sorting and without arrangement, in order to get the greatest number into the tarrel, heads it up and ships to market, he will discover when he gets his check that his fruit has been so'd for the lowest price. The only way to get the top prices for fruit is to sort it according to grades, arranging in barrels or boxes in layers, placing each apple in by hand, and selecting for the top layer should be made up of apples all of the same size if possible, and the fruit should come just to the top of the staves. Then the heading should be carefully placed on top and gently pressed down until it slips into the chine. This can be done better by the use of a block placed under a lever.

Nitrate of Soda. The value of nitrate of soda applied to barnyard millet at the New Jersey experiment station was stated by the experimenters as follows: Amount applied, 160 pounds per acre; yield untreated acre, 7.63 tons; treated acre, 13.38 tons; gain by use of nitrate, 5.75 tons; per cent of gain, 75.4; value of gain, at \$3 per ton, \$17.25; cost of nitrate per acre, \$3.60, net gain per acre by use of nitrate over cost, \$13.65. The crop was seeded on June 16 on well-fertilized land at the rate of threefourths bushels of seed per acre, after a crop of oat and pea forage had been the work should be very thoroughly harvested, which averaged six tons per acre. The nitrate was applied soon after the plants were well rooted and capable of absorbing food rapidly.

Cow Stall.

The stall as shown here is four feet over all, but can be made less. Cow when eating will stand with her hind feet just behind the 2 by 4, leaving the droppings behind it. When she lies down she will be com-

pelled to lie in front of the 2 by 4



with her head under the feed rack. It is not necessary to have a gutter in a stall of this kind. There should be short partitions, however, to keep the cows from turning around.

For building, use 2 by 4 for bottom feed rack; bottom of rack 3 feet above door. Strips of 1 by 4, 6 inches apart form the rack, and should slope back 60 degrees. From 7 to 8 feet from front of stall place 2 by 4 on edge; if set in dirt use stakes.

Chemical Action of Manure. Although cultivation is necessary and will increase your crops, no matter how much you cultivate, or how you labor, it should be remembered that the plant food in the soil is the vital element of crop production. The crop removes this between Battling Nelson and Joe 0s put back again. Manure not only en- called off. riches soil with the elements of fertility, but also renders the stored plant food of the soil more available, improves the chemical conditions, makes

Farming Notes. Remember the importance of the kitchen garden.

from below.

Some genius has figured out that a bee will on a busy day draw sugar from 120,000 different clover heads.

When mustard is a serious pest the Blox-Well. I ought to be ashamed developed and ready to be fitted he fields are sprayed with a solution that makes the pampered pets look like 30 kills the weed, but does not harm the

The government spent \$10,000 this last spring planning ways to destroy the green bug in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

One hundred and thirty-nine cows, comprising the best of thirty-six Illiorchards in which the vegetable or fruit nois herds, produced an average of 801 pounds of butter fat last year.

A cow owned by William Maher of arrangement the machine can be pushed | Sheffield, Ill., gave birth to three goodfrom one orchard to another or from a sized and perfectly developed calves. tomato patch to a cornfield as necessity She is half Jersey, and raised the requires. Water for the process is heat- calves the first three weeks on her own milk.



1765-Riot in Boston on account of the stamp act.

1775-Continental army under o Montgomery arrived at Ticonder 1776-British defeated the Americans battle of Long Island. 1785-Lord George Germain, the irress

cilable foe of America in the cabine of Lord North, during the Reval tion, died. Born Jan. 26, 1716. 1795-French directory established. 1808 British under Sir Arthur Wellstein defeated the French and Spans

forces at Vimiera, in Portugal. 1814—British evacuated the city of Washington....The city of Washington ington burned by the British.

1818—The Savannah, the first steam re-sel to cross the ocean, launched a New York. 1819—The Duke of Richmond, governs general of Canada, died of hydroge-

1829-Copper discovered at Galena, II ... Warfare between Colombia as Peru ended . . . First temperance m

ciety formed in Ireland. 1835—Sir John Gosford, Earl of Co-borne, aworn in as governor of Co-1836 Opening of the Buffalo and N

1846-Annexation of New Mexico to its United States 1847—Republic of Liberia inaugurated

agara railroad,

1848-Trinls of the Chartists began | London. 1851-The yacht America won the see

famous cup at the international a gatta at Cowes, England. 1857-Port Huron, Mich., Incorporated city...Beginning of a financial paid in the United States, which cals

nated in an almost entire suspen of the banks. 1858-First treaty signed between Gree

Britain and Japan. 1860-Victoria railway bridge at Mes treal opened by the Prince of Wala. 1865—Thomas Chandler Haliburta noted Canadian writer, died. Bet

1869-First Confederate soldiers' man ment unveiled at Griffin, Ga. 1878-The independence of Servis, p

claimed at Belgrade, 1886-William J. Kendall, clothed in cork vest, swam through the Nisg whirlpool rapids.

1890-Maj. Gen. Sir F. D. Middleton 8 tired from the command of the nadian militia.

1891-Decennial census placed the population lation of Canada at 4,823,344. 1804-A tornado swept the sbores of the Sea of Agof and caused the loss

1.000 lives. 1897—President Bords of Urugusy 188 sinated at Montevideo ... Conp. of Salvador adopted the gold sta ard . . . Gen. J. P. S. Gobin of Per sylvania elected commander-is-d

of the G. A. R. 1904-Battleship Louisiana launchei Newport News.

1907-British House of Lords passed ! bill legalizing marriages with a ceased wife's sister, thus settling long pending question.



Owing to the failure to secure tageous railroad rates between Salt Lai Utah, and Ely, Nev., the proposed

Forty-three strikeouts is the mo which was established in a remark game at Buffalo Laks between the team and the fast Olivia team. The test was prolonged for twenty in tain more moisture and to draw it up during which Olivia used one will while Buffalo Lake used two, Olivia #9

At a meeting of the executive co tee of the Central States Rowing As ciation it was decided to present grand prize for the highest merit to South Side Rowing Club of Quincy, and the association will have a de prize made to present to the Mount C Club of St. Louis. The original pris a handsome bronze plaque present the Burlington Boating association. Mount City and the South Side clubs ! for first honors.

At the close of the Olympic game, London, the American athletes were ered with medals. Queen Alzandra ed out fifteen gold medals to the Yan at the stadium. These with a traj of eliver and bronze emblems of vimade by far the most imposing are "jewelry" awarded to any nation. ica's victory, 114 1-3 to England's was by the biggest margin on record Athens two years ago the com-75 1-16 to 41 in favor of America, Americans came within ten points of ing as much as all the other nations