

CHAPTER XIL-(Continued.) regular breathing of a sleeping man, then distinguished that of another, and finally hears some one turn and grunt. In some inexplicable way, these men had happened to camp just above the spot chosen by Duponceau to hide his chest.

I scarce dared turn and crawl away from fear of waking the sleepers, and so lay still, wondering if by any chance they could have already found the treasure, or If there might yet be an opportunity for us to remove it. Suddeniy I felt Rodney grip my arm. "Listen," he breathed.

Off in the distance, clear and long, rose the osprey call. Duponceau was in some danger.

We wriggled away from the hemlock, crawled back through the woods, and stood erect only when we reached the edge. There we swept the beach and what we could see of the Ship for signs and so he brought the canoe on board, of men, but the shore was still empty as the desert.

"Shall we run for it?" I asked,

"No," said Rodney; "if there are any men there, they're between us and the boat, or on the boat; we'd best keep close to the Cliff until we get our bearings."

The advice was good ; like Indians we made the fringe of the woods, keeping in to see Barbara on the cliff. shadow. When we were forced to leave crouch back at a call or to rush forward. As we neared the shadow of the head- of the headland. land we saw figures climb over the rocks of the little inland sea and head up the beach-four men, silhoutted black against the white sand, and not one of them as tall as Duponceau.

"They haven't got him," I whispered; "at least, he is not with them."

"That's queer," said Rodney. "I haven't in the dark." heard a shot fired. They must have boarded the Ship."

We crossed the causeway, running lightly, and climbed on board. The deck was as empty as the beach had been when are the rest of the crew working?" we first crossed it. I rushed below and poked in all the bunks, but not a trace of They had too much coffee for dinner last Duponceau was to be found. Rodney and I stood in the bow and peered across the rocks. We could see nothing save the woods and the sky.

"Well," said Islip at last, "that takes the cake. He's vamosed, vanished, cleared out, and I dare say we'll never see hide or hair of him again. This thing's getting positively spooky, Selden. Are you sure that the man was flesh and blood?"

"I certainly thought so," I answered. "But he came in the middle of the night, and he's gone at the same time. Strange! Where on earth could he go?"

cliff beyond my house and poke its nose Motionless, we listened, and caught the in the direction of the Ship. Charles brought the tiny craft alongside of us. "They're watching the house closely, Mr. Felix," he said, "It was all I could do to get down to the river without their

following." The canoe had brought us hot coffee, eggs and rolls. We breakfasted in state in the cabin, with Charles to wait upon us. He had little news, beyond the fact that the pines were patrolled by a number of men.

After breakfast we passed the time as best we could, but the morning went slowly, and we were glad when lunch was ready. This was a meagre meal, made up of the scraps of the provisions Barbara had brought us. I told Charles that I preferred to have him stay with us, as there was no telling when we should need every able-bodied man we could find, stowed her on the after-decs, and devoted himself to the small duties on his new ousekeeping.

Duponceau and Islip had slept little the night before, and shortly after lunch they took up their bunks to nap. I was on guard on the forward deck when I heard a voice call, "Ship ahop !" and looked up

I called to Charles to take my place this shelter we skirted the cliff, ready to for a few moments and sallled forth to shore. Barbara joined me at the foot

"Weil?' she asked eagerly.

I told her the adventures of the previous night, and when I came to the early morning swim her eyes danced as she clapped her hands with delight. "Oh. I wish I had been out there with you !" she cried, "I've always wanted to try a swim

"It's just as well you weren't," I answered sagely.

She looked somewhat longingly out to "What a beautiful afternoon! And seft. "The rest of the crew are sleeping.

night, and it kept them awake." "And what is Charles doing?"

I pointed to the deck. "He's on guard. That's the reason I'm here." "Oh, that's it, is it? I thought you

came to see me.' "And so I dld. Suppose we sit here at

the foot of the cliff, where we can look out to sea and can't be seen. There's a little nook I know of."

I found the place that I sought-a secret crevice in the rocks-and there we sat and watched the tide do its best to reach us as it bounded landward. The "I thought afternoon drifted past, and we, borne on The adventure was almost too real to be its tranquillity, were now talkative, now true. Such things don't happen, you silent. Barbara rolled her sleeves above know-that is, not consecutively-within her elbows, and played with the water in a little pool beside our ledge of rocks. Her dreaming eyes brooded over the ccean. I watched her, tried to turn my eves seaward, felt the irresistible call, and came back to watching her. The time had come when I could think only the one thought. The sun was low, Barbara was hur ming a little French song. The whole world was adorable. "Barbara, I love you !"

as fond as you of your little kingdom. "I shall. I have a great leal to prove

now." She emiled. "Felix of Alastair;" then

she turned up the path. I want back to the Ship mighty with resolves; I thirsted for great deeds to do. When I came on board I found plans for such deeds brewing.

Rule it well.

CHAPTER XIV.

Duponceau had been prooding all day over the possibility of losing the contents of his precious chest, and an, after same argument, Rodney and he had decided to make the effort to move it to the Ship that night. I pointed out the fact that in all probability the enemy knew nothing whatever of the chest's position, and hal simply happened to camp in the neighborhood of that particular hamlock ; but Duponceau's fears were aroused, and it was evident that he would be satisfied with nothing short of having the strong-box under his yes.

"What the dence do you suppose those papers are, that he should be so fearful about them?" I asked Rodney when we were alone.

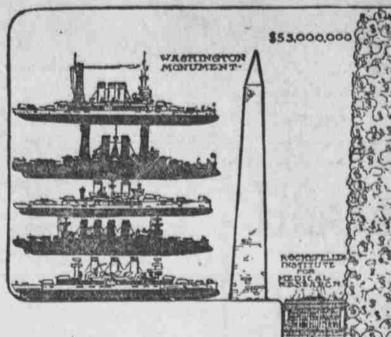
He shrugged his shoulders, "Heaven knows! The man isn't crazy, for I've been studying him closely all day, and some experience with Wall Street has put me wise on cranks. No, there's a real, live mystery somewhere, and our friend Pierre is a somebody, though whether the Wandering Jew or the lost Napoleon I can't say. Suffice it, he's got a treasure chest, and it's up to us to sit on it so tight that none of its pieces-of-sight can filter through."

Fortunately the night was cloudy, and about eleven we were ready to start. I had never felt so completely the despera do before. We were all three armed with revolvers, I carried a coll of rope wound about my walst, and Rodney a dark lantern which Charles had found in the cottage. Duponcoau was the least excited. He took command of our expedition with the assurance of a born leader, and, in fact, it was only his overweening confidence that gave the scheme the least prospect of success.

Just before we left the Ship Charles joined us with two spades, and so, a party of four, we stole over the beach and into the dunce. Duponceau led us to the pine, thence we crawled inward, lying silent after each cracking twig, straining our eyes and cars for news. When we came to the hemlock we lay four abreast and so paered over at the tent that loomed vaguely white ahead. The only sound was a loud and resonant snore.

Duponceau crawled forward on one side of the tent, and then beckoned to me to do the same on the opposite side. When had wriggled forward some ten feet I could look in at the tent, the sides of which were open to the summer breezes. One man lay within, sleeping. It was clear that the enemy had not expected

Duponceau stole to his feet, I did likewise. He entered the tent from one side, and I from the other. With a swift movement he was over the sleeping man, and had pinned him to the bed, while he thrust a handkerchief into his mouth. The sleeper started, struggled, moaned, and lay still; I had held my revolver in his face. In a twinkling we had him cording in the accusing book, everyact bound and gagged, rolled from his bed of that would be prejudiced in the eyes boughs, and laid at a little distance. of court or jury set down in black While we did this Islip and Charles cut



MR. ROCKEFELLER'S GIFTS.

Amount He Has Given to One Institution Equals Cost of Five Battle Ships.



OHN D. ROCKEFELLER celebrated his seventieth birthday by giving \$10,000,000 to the General Education Board, making the total of his gifts to that philanthropy the stupendous sum of \$53,000,000 and bringing the grand total of his known benefactions to the aggregate of \$120,000,000. Add his unknown gifts to innumerable institutions, objects and individuals, and the final figures are probably in excess of \$135,000,000-a sum of money so huge that its magnitude is difficult to estimate.

Take alone the gift of \$10,000,000 officially announced by Frederick T. Gates, chairman of the General Education Board. Some idea of what \$10,-000,000 amounts to can be had in this way: A comfortable home, capable of adequately housing a family of average circumstances, can be bought in Brooklyn for \$5,000. Mr. Rockefeller's gift would buy 2,000 such homes for 2,000 families. His total gifts of \$53,000,000 to the General Education Board would buy 10,000 such homes. The total of all of his gifts, \$135,000,000, would buy 27,000 such homes. Five persons is the average of a family. Twenty-seven thousand such homes would mean a city of 135,000 persons. There are many pretentious cities in the United States where all of the homes of its citizens do not represent an outlay of half the money given away by Mr. Rockefeller.

Report has given Mr. Rockefeller \$400,000,000, but men with some means of estimating his wealth say that is an exaggeration. If his fortune be \$300, 000,000, his income at 5 per cent would be \$15,000,000. If \$400,000,000, it would be \$20,000,000. This \$53,000,000 he has given the General Education Board is for a single purpose-to multiply and widen educational facilities for American boys and girls, irrespective of creed or anything else. Colleges all over the country, particularly in those sections where the need is greatest, are the beneficiaries of the fund. They receive \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000, \$100,000 or \$200,000, or whatever sum the trustees of the fund believe they are entitled to .- New York World.

### MATRIMONIAL DIARY.

Within recent months we have noted that more and more frequently diaries have been introduuced into divorce trials kept by one or both parties to the suit. Sometimes these diaries were begun long previous to any open disagreement between man and wife, when one or the other may have ben unconscious of any infelicity between them. In such a case the unsuspecting one, all unguarded in his or her innocence, has been daily re-



1642-First commencement exercises of Harvard College

1684-Treaty of peace concluded at Albany between the Colonists and the Five Nations.

1721-James Franklin established the "New England Couraat" in Boston.

1763-British troops defeated the Indians at Bushy Run.

78-The British burned their fleet off Rhode Island on the approach of the French fleet under Count

d'Estaing. 1795-Commissioners of the United States met the Indian chiefs of

Western tribes at Greenville, Ohie and concluded a treaty of peace. 807-Trial trip of Fulton's steamboat

"Clermont" was made.

1812-Americans routed by a force of British and Indians at Brownstown, Mich.

1813-American privateer Decatur captured the British schooner Domin-

1814-Commissioners of the United States and England met at Ghent to arrange a treaty of peace ... A British fleet landed troops at Pensacola, Fla.

1816-First Presbyterian congregation in Missouri was organized at Bellevue settlement, in Washington County.

1829-First locomotive regularly used in the United States run on the Carbondale and Honsdale Railroad In New York

1846-David Wilmot introduced his. proviso in Congress .... Smithsonian Institution at Washington founded.

1856-Kansas rejected the Lecompton constitution for the second time.

1861-Federals defeated in the battle of Wilson's Creck, Mo.

1862-Confederate ram Arkansas exploded above Baton Rouge .... Battle of Cedar Mountain ended in victory for the Confederates.

1863-Cavalry fight at Culpepper, Va., between Gens. Stuart and Buford.

1864-Admiral Farragut entered Mobile bay with thirty-two vessels. .... Gen. Hood attacked Geo. Logan's lines at Atlanta.

1872-Cuban privateer Pioneer setzed by the United States marshal at Newport, R. I.

nals working something like the black handy among the Italian popu-1873-Large section of Portland, Ore. destroyed by fire.

Six Companies five months ago appealed to the Chinese consul general to stop a war between several of the tongs. The best he could do was to get them to declare a truce, which lasted until the Chinese New Year.

rch me," said Rodney. a day's ride of New York." He considered the matter gravely. "But what will Barbara say if she finds we haven't kept by him?"

"I was thinking of that myself," I anawered, looking blankly at him.

Islip broke into a laugh-such an infectious laugh that I couldn't help joining him. "I dare say we're different in most ways, Selden," he said, "but we're alike in one. Well, here's how !" and he held out his hand to me.

We shook hands, half seriously, half in jest, and I took back all the unkind things I had ever thought about him.

We turned and went down the deck on the outer side of the mast. I heard Rodmey exclaim and saw him stop and look at the rail where his hand rested. A small gold chain was fastened to the edge. He peered over the side, and then, to my utter amazement, began to throw off his clothes

"What on earth-" I began, but Rodney only chuckled, and finished undressing. Then from somewhere out in the sea came the osprey's cry, clear, quavering to a minor cadence. Islip slipped over the opposite. side, crossed the rocks, and dived into the waves.

I pulled on the chain and up came a bundle of clothes wrapped in Duponceau's cloak. Then I understood, and followed added, her voice low; "and what do you Rodney's example.

Never have I known such a swim as a sea that seemed made of silver. We world." found Duponceau by his cry and followed him, resting now and then to float on the silver surface, and again racing hand over hand out through the mystery. We were no longer men, but free sea creatures, in our own element, undismayed.

We swam in a great circle, and at last Duponceau led us back to the Ship. Day was breaking far out, beyond the Shifting Shoal, "I saw them coming," he said, "and so I hung my clothes from the side and took to the waves. They found nothing: perchance now they think me a ghost."

We told him our experience in searching for the chest, and he showed a great deal of perturbation, but finally came to the wise conclusion that we could do nothing in regard to it then.

It was my turn below, and I fell asleep, in a glorious glow from the swim, just as the sky was shading pink.

### CHAPTER XIII.

on the cabin table.

"Morning, Selden !" he exclaimed. "By the way, who is Monsieur Duponceau?"

I shook my head. "I gave that question us some time ago. How about breakfast?"

"I was thinking of that myself," said Rodney. "I don't mind being a hero, but I prefer to play the part on a full stomach.'

"I'll signal Charles." I went up on deck, and found that the sun was high up, and shining on a glorious summer No wonder he couldn't go back to his beworld, I fastened a napkin to the broken stump of the mast.

The words were out, spoken without

volition, all of themselves. She looked up; her singing stopped,

and the deep blush-rose crept into her face, while her eyes shrank. "Barbara, I love you. I have loved you

since I first found you on the Ship, and I shall go on loving you until I die. I can't help it; it's not only conscious. It's partly unconscious; it's just you calling to me. Barbara dear, you are all my hone in the world. You are the world, Will you marry me?"

I was leaning forward, thinking only of that sweet, that infinitely sweet face

She smiled, her eyes turning to watch the waves, and I waited spellbound for her answer.

"I haven't known you very long," she know of me?"

"Everything. All I could ever knowthat, in the mystery of starlight, through that you are the one woman in the

> "But it's summer, and it's easy to say such things in summer. It's all part of the setting. I told you once you were a dreamer. Dreamers are apt to romance, and that is probably why you are now in love with the waves and the sunshine and with me." The last words were just a whisper. She raised her eyes to mine for fleeting second, then dropped her lashes, "Believe me, Barbara, it's not that; it's

the truth-the truest thing in the world." She played with the water in the pool at her side.

"I like you-but, then, I like many, There's Rodney I like also. Perhaps I like you better because I have never seen you in town, nor anywhere but in your chosen country. But I can't forget that there are other treasures in the seahow can you be sure you won't come upon another and a finer? Then, too, I like men who do things, men who fight and win out-and so you see," she fin-When I awoke I found Rodney seated ished, with a slight smile, "it's not that I like any one in particular less, but the infinite possibilities more."

"Then," I said stubbornly, "I will wait, and prove my meaning to you."

She raised her eyes frankly to mine. "I

like that," she said. After a time we walked back to her path and said good-by. The beach was empty. Islip was sitting on the Ship's deck, and Barbara waved to bim and he waved back. I felt sorry for him, somehow, for now I knew what he must feel. loved Wall Street.

"Good-by again," she said, and then, Fifteen minutes later we saw my cance that the parting might not be too abrupt, steal cautiously about the point of the she added, "I think I am growing simost

the guide-ropes, and the house of our enemies fell, collapsing like a great white balloon when the gas escapes. We cleared it away, and the place where the chest was hidden lay before us.

Then followed a strange scene for those unhistoric pines of Alastair. With ears keen for the slightest alarm, Duponceau and I dug, Rodney holding his black lantern so as to aid us. Charles keeping watch. A foot down and my spade struck In five minutes the chest was wood. uncovered. Carefully we relised it and placed it on the ground. As his hand touched the unbroken lock I thought that Duponceau gave a little sigh of relief.

(To be continued.)

### Coming Home in the Dark.

The tunnel was dark, the tunnel was long.

And the lights had all gone out. The temptation was assuredly strong-

Of that there could be no doubt. She has sitting by me, a portly miss Of thirty summers, or less;

When a notion struck me that I would kins

That vision of loveliness ! Though the risk was great, I thought it

worth while, For I was full of romance.

And to steal a kiss in a furtive style The pleasure could but enhance!

So when we had come to the darkest part

I gave her a silent smack, When-I didn't expect it-bless my heart !

If she didn't kiss me back !

We gazed at each other in shy surprise, When from the tunnel we sped. The other passengers must have got wise.

For our cheeks were burning red. At the same depot we left the train,

When I lost my charmer fair,

thought I should never see her again, For which I didn't much care,

But, when I got home, there was the maid.

And she gave me such a look, Who is that, mother?" I asked. She

said. "Why, Bobby, that's our new cook !" -New York Times.

Sounded Romantic.

"There was one time in my life," said the fussy old bachelor, "when I really wanted a better half."

"Tell me about it," cooed the sentimental widow.

"Oh, there isn't much to tell," answered the f. o. b. "Some chap stuck me with a bad 50-cent piece."

#### Saving the Pleces.

"Every little fragment of time should be saved," said the home-grown philosopher.

"Sure it should," rejoined the cynical person. "The moment the day breaks it's up to us to begin saving the pieces."

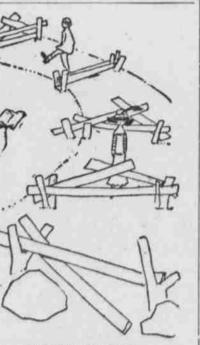
## His Choice of Evils.

Shall I forever from her part, Or wed her for better or worse?

The former's sure to break her heart-The latter to break her purse.

and white and in cold blood. There is no distinction in law between divorce sought in a hot temper and divorce with malice aforethought.

We sincerely trust that the "holy bonds of matrimony" will not become generally vitiated by the practice of keeping a diary dating from the wedthe particular individual. ding day, and that bride and groom



ROAD TO DISSOLUTION.

will not feel that reasonable precautions should be taken against emergencies. A diary in the possession of either one of the "happy wedded pair" may be regarded with suspicion and may introduce the first serpent into diary toting of this sort is as reprehensible as gun toting.

The distrust of humanity that is often so marked in the ordinary relations between man and woman appears to have extended itself to the relations between man and woman. It is not only when poverty comes in at the door that love flies out at the window; when doubt comes in at the window, love slips out of the door. Modern marriages with their "mental reservations" and their diaries may give the grieving contenders against "the divorce evil," another phase of the question to ponder over .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### TONGS OF CHINATOWN.

Eleven Secret Organizations Composed of Criminal Orientals.

The tongs of San Francisco's Chinatown are made up of "highbinders," or bad men, says the Bohemian, and their names are as follows: Ping Kong, Suey Sing, Hop Sing, Bo On, Bo Leung, Suey On, Quong Tuck, Hip Ying, Hip Sing Suey Ying and Jok Lin.

If these eleven tongs have any quar-

lation of New York. To show how they work, the Hop Sing Tong has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the death of any officer of the Suey Sing Tong. These rewards are not printed in the American or Chinese newspapers, but are placed on the walls of Chinatown. There is no special animosity against

known where they are. They are se-

cret bodies and move in darkness, 'ine

But as these lines are being written

the New Year festivals have ended

It must not be inferred, however,

that the tongs typify the mass of the

Chinese, who are generally peaceable.

The tongs seem to be bands of crimi-

and the tong war has again begun.

# ALL CAN SMOKE ON MISSOURI.

### State Produces 24,671,456 Cob Pipes in 1908,

The statistics concerning Missouri's production of corncob pipes-styled the "Missouri Meerschaum," supply a 1889-Spokane Falls, Washington, good pipe story, though it is not a pipe dream." According to the figures compiled by the Missouri State Bureau of Labor and Stasitcis for its annual report there were made in Missourl 24,671,456 cobpipes in 1908, seven factories being engaged in their production. Of this total number 23,-268,096 were made in Franklin county alone. In addition there were turned out the same year 415,314 wooden pipes, 1,729,350 extra stems and 149, 238 pipe cleaners.

The value of the total product was \$431,810, of which Franklin county county produced \$401,643. The value of the raw material consumed was \$233,688, the capital invested in the seven factories was \$124,547, and the wages paid exceeded that sum slightly, being \$128,295. In the manufacture of these pipes there were em-

ployed 303 males and 63 females. Missourl made enough of these pipes last year to supply one to each man, woman and child in the State, their Eden. It is carrying concealed and still have more than 20,000,000 weapons into the connubial state, and left. Each head of a family in the United States could have been supplied with a Missouri made pipe, the product of a single year, and have left about 9,000,000 for export to foreign N. Y., It is announced that new uses countries .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat, have been found for the "sludge" of

### Sulted to the Place.

"Well, this is certainly crazy management!" cried the chairman of the committee investigating the State institution.

"But you must remember," pleaded the superintendent, "that this is an insane asylum."-Baltimore American.

### Tact and Talent,

Talent feels its weight, tact finds its way; talent commands, tact is obeyed; talent is honored with approbation, and tact is blessed by preferment .--London Atlas.

### Said Uncle Silnar

"It takes a woman longer to get at the United States naval academy. ping than it does a man to pack up to the United States is Most Rev. Die into her duds to go down town shopfor a six months' vacation trip."-Los mede Falconio of Washington, D. C. Angeles Express. In order to do a thing once some publishing house of Lucknow, Indis, put out a total of about 16,000,000 pages of

ters in the new Chinatown it is not | people have to do it twice.

- 1874-An Ohio River steamer burned near Aurora, Ind., with loss of twenty-five lives.
- 1884-Corner stone laid for the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor. .. Reception of the survivors of
- the Greely Arctic expedition at Portsmouth, N. H. \$86-Parcel post established between
- Canada and points in Great Britain. 1887-Hawall adopted a new constitu
  - tion .... Collapse of the wheat syndicate in San Francisco, loss 16,-000,000.
- nearly destroyed by fire .... The Sioux Indians ceded their reservation in Dakota (11,000,000 acres) to the United States.
- 1890-France and England reached an agreement respecting their possession in Africa.
- 1893-First Chinaman deported from San Francisco under the Geary net. 1894-Twelve lives lost in the wreck

of a Rock Island train near Lin-

coin. Neb .... The great strike of

the American Railway Union de-

indicted at Chicago for receiving

1906-The Standard Oll Company was

1907-The French navy hombarded

Casablancs, on the Morecan

coast .... Gov. Hoke Smith signed

the Georgia prohibition bill, to be-

come effective January 1, 1908.

arrived at Auckland, New Zealand.

Mehmed All Bey, Turkish minis-

Forest fires devastated several

ter to Washington, recalled ....

1908-The American battleship fleet

towns of British Columbia.

New Use for Pulp Mill Refuse.

experiments conducted by the J. &

J. Rogers pulp mills at Ausable Forks,

waste material of the wood pulp mills.

This will not only be a great saving to

the pulp interests, but will end the

pollution of streams on which the

mills are located. It is demonstrated

that the poisonous sulphite waste can

be used as a substitute for the corn

meal and molasses employed in iron

foundry core casting as a top dressing.

for macadam roads and for other pur-

CHURCH AND REFORM.

The Epworth League of the Mathodiat

One hundred and forty-five men are ef-

The Roman Catholic apostolic delegate

Last year the Methodist Episcopa

rolled in the Y. M. C. A. Bible classes

Episcopal Church was organized at

Cleveland, Ohio, May 15, 1830.

**DOSES**.

As the result of a series of recent

clared off.

rebates.