++++++++ CHAPTER VIII .- (Continued.) John turned out the light, and while they waited for the elevator to come up

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keys in his pockets before he blurted: "I say, John, I'm an underbred, low person, and am not worthy to be called thy friend, and you may hate me all you like, but one thing I'd like to know. Did she say anything about me when you passed us this afternoon-make any comment or anything? You know I despise myself for asking, but-Saxton laughed quietly.

"Yes, she did; but I don't know that I ought to tell you. It was really en-couraging. She said, 'Miss Margrave has a lot of style; don't you think so?" "
"Is that all?" demanded Raridan, step-

'That's all. It wasn't very much: but it was the way she said it; and as she said it she brushed a fly from the horse with the whip, and she did it very care-

In the corridor below they met Wheaton coming out of the side door of the bank. He had been at work, he said. Raridan asked him to go with them to the club for a game of billiards, but he pleaded weariness and said he was going

The three men walked up Varpey street together. They were men of widely dif-ferent antecedents and qualities. Circumstances, in themselves natural and harmless, had brought them together. The ives of all three were to be influenced by the weakness of one, and one woman's life was to be profoundly affected by contact with all of them. It is not ordained for us to know whether those we touch hands with, and even break bread with, a large share of the daily cash receipts. from day to day, are to bring us good or in the sibyl's book which was not dis closed of old to those who pondered the mysteries by starlight and rushlight.

Wheaton left them at the club door and went on to The Bachelors', which was only a step farther up the street.

"How do you like Wheaton by this time?" asked Raridan, as they entered

"I hardly know how to answer that," Saxtor answered. "He's treated me well enough. It seems to me I'm always trying to find some reason for not liking him. but I can't put my hand on anything tangible.

"That's the way I feel," said Raridan, hanging up his coat in the billiard room. "He's rigid, some way. There's no let-go in him. I guess the law allows us to dislike some people just on general prin-ciples, and Jim likes himself so well that you and I don't matter."

CHAPTER IX.

After the interim of quiet that Lent always brings in Clarkson, the spring came swiftly. There was a renewal of social activities which ran from dances and teas into outdoor gatherings. Evelyn had enjoyed to the full her experience at home. She had plunged into the frivoli- plan of buying the control of the com ties of the town with a zest that was a trifle emphasized through her wish to escape any charge of being pedantic or She was glad that she had gone to college, but she did not wish this fact of her life to be the haunting ghost of her days; and by the end of the winter she felt that she had pretty effectually

In June Mr. Porter began discussing summer plans with Evelyn. He eliminated himself from them; he could not get away, he said. But there was Grant be considered. The boy was at school in New Hampshire, and Evelyn protested that it was not wise to subject him to the intense heat of a Clarkson summer. The first hot wave sent Porter to bed with a trifling illness, and his doctor took the opportunity to look him over and tell him that it was imperative for him to rest. Thompson came home from Arizona to spend the summer. He and Wheaton were certainly equal to the care of the bank, so they urged Porter, and he finally yielded. Evelyn found a hotel on the Massachusetts North Shore which sounded well in the circulars, and her father agreed to it. When they reached Orchard Lane he liked it better than he had ex-Every night he sat down with cipher telegrams, and constructed from Thompson's statistics the day's business in the bank. He received daily from New York the closing quotations on the shares he was interested in, and as he walked the long hotel verandas he effected a transmigration of spirit which put him back in his swivel chair in the Clarkson

In August Warry Raridan appeared suddenly and threw himself into the galeties of the place for a fortnight. Porter asked him to sit at their table and marveled at the way Evelyn snubbed him, even to the extent of running away for three days with some friends who had a yacht and who carried her to Newport for a dance. During her absence Warry made all the other girls about the place happy; they were sure that "that Miss Porter" was treating him shabbily and their hearts went out to him. ry sulked when Evelyn returned and they had an interview between dances at a Saturday night hop.

He sought for recognition as a lover; she had not praised the efforts he had been making to win her approval by dillscace at his office; he took care to call her attention to his changed habits.

"But, Evelyn, I am doing differently, I know that I wasted myself for years so that I'm a kind of joke and every-body laughs about me. But I want to for you! Don't you know that would help me and steady me? Won't you let It be for you?" He came close to her and stood with his arms folded, but she drew away from him with a despairing

"Oh, Warry," she cried, wearily, "you poor, foolish boy! Don't you know that you must do all things for yourself?" he returned eagerly.

that; I understand perfectly; but if you'd only let me feel that you wanted it—"
"I want you to succeed, but you will never do it for any one, if you don't do it for yourself."

He went home by an early train next morning to receive Saxton's consolation and to turn again to his law books, Margrave, on behalf of the Transcontinental, had offered to compromise the case of the poor widow whose clothes lines had been interfered with ; but Raridan rejected this tender. He needed something on which to vent his mad spirits, and he gave his thought to devising means of transferring the widow's cause to the federal court. The removal of causes from State to federal courts was, Warry frequently said, one of the best things

for them Warry jingled the coins and Porter's vacation was not altogether wasted. As he lounged about and phi-losophized to the Bostonians on Western business conditions, his restless mind took hold of a new project. It was suggested to him by the inquiries of a Bos ton banker, who owned a considerable amount of Clarkson Traction bonds and stock which he was anxious to sell. Porter gave a discouraging account of the empany, whose history he knew oughly. The Traction Company had been organized in the boom days and its stock had been inflated in keeping with prevailing spirit of the time. It was rst equipped with the cable system in deference to the Clarkson hills, but later the company made the introduction of of its finances with an even more gen-erous inflation. The panic then descended any wrought a diminution of rev enue; the company was unable to make the repairs which constantly became nee essary, and the local management fell into the hands of a series of corrupt di-

There had been much litigation, and

some of the Eastern bondholders had threatened a receivership; but the local

the default of interest when approached amicably, and when menaced grew in solent and promised trouble if an attempt were made to deprive them of power. A secretary and a treasurer under one ad ministration had connived to appropriate The electric light reveals nothing stroyed or concealed the books and rec ords of the company. The effect of this was to create a mystery as to the distribution of the bonds and the stock When Porter came home from his sum mer vacation, the newspapers were de-manding that steps be taken to declare the Traction franchise forfeit. But the franchise had been renewed lately and had twenty years to run. This extension had been procured by the element in con-trol, and the foreign bondholders, biding their time, were glad to avail themselves of the political skill of the local officers. Porter had been casually asked by his Boston friend whether there was any local market for the stock or bonds; and he had answered that there was not; that the holders of shares in Clarkson kept what they had because they could no longer sell to one another and that they were only waiting for the larger outside bondholders and shareholders to assert themselves. Porter had ridden down to Boston with his brother banker and when they parted it was with an understanding that the Bostonian was to collect for Porter the Clarkson Traction securities a considerable amount, Porter knew and he went home with a well-formed pany. Times were improving and he had faith in Clarkson's future; he did not believe in it so noisily as Timothy Margrave did; but he knew the resources

> have, an alert imagination. It was not necessary for Porter to disclose the fact of his purchases to the officers of the Traction Company, whom he knew to be corrupt and vicious; the transfer of ownership on the company's books made no difference, as the original stock books had been destroyed-a fact which had become public property through a legal effort to levy on the holdings of a shareholder in the interest of a creditor. Moreover, if he could help it, Porter never told any one about anything he did. He even had several dummies in whose names he frequently held securities and real estate. One of these was Peckham, a clerk in the office of Fenton, Porter's

of the tributary country, and he had,

what all successful business men must

CHAPTER X. Wheaton had not long been an officer of the bank before he began to be aware that there was considerable mystery about Porter's outside transactions. Porter occasionally perused with much in terest several small memorandum books which he kept carefully locked in desk. The president often wrote letters with his own hand and copied them himself after bank hours, in a private letterbook. Wheaton was naturally curious as to what these outside interests might h It had piqued him to find that while he was cashler of the band he was not consulted in its larger transactions; and that of Porter's personal affairs he knew

One afternoon shortly after Porter's return from the East, Wheaton, who was waiting for some letters to sign, picked up a bundle of checks from the desk of one of the individual bookkeepers. They were Porter's personal checks which had that day been paid and were now being charged to his private account. Wheaton turned them over mechanically; it was not very long since he had been an individual bookkeeper himself; he had entered innumerable checks bearing Porter's name without giving them a thought. As the slips of paper passed through his fingers, he accounted for them in one way or another and put them back on the desk, face down, as a man always does who has been trained as a bank clerk. The last of them he held and studied. It was a check made payable to Peck-ham, Fenton's clerk. The amount was \$9,999.00—too large to be accounted for

know-I want to feel that I'm doing it was an elderly failure at the law who ran errands to the courts for Fenton and sometimes took charge of small collection tters for the bank.

A few days later, in the course of busi-ness, he asked Porter what disposition he should make of an application for a loan from a country customer. Porter rang for the past correspondence with their client, and threw several letters to basket which stood on his desk. As it figures on the back, and he picked it up thinking that they might relate to the The memorandum was in Porter's large, uneven hand and read:

33 909 909

9000 The result of the multiplication was check. Again the figures held his atten-Local securities were quoted daily in the newspapers, and he examined the list for that day. There was no quotation of thirty-three on anything; the nearest approach was Clarkson Traction Company at thirty-five. The check which had interested him had been dated three days before, and he looked back to the points since it had been purchased, and this, too, was interesting. Clearly, Por-ter knew what he was about—he had a eputation for knowing; and if Clarkson Traction was a good thing for the presilent to pick up quietly, why was it a day: Traction went to thirty-six. Then he called after banking hours at the office of a real estate dealer who also dealt in local stocks and bonds on a small never had any transactions with the bank and two Democrats for it. r with Porter, so far as Wheaton knew.

point of his errand. "Some friends of mine in the country wn a small amount of Traction stock they've written me to gnd out what its be continued. prospects are. Of course in the bank we suppose you handle such things and 1 said Payne. want to get good advice for my friends.

ter's knocked out it is only worth so United States. much a pound as old paper; but if the right people get hold of it the newspapers will let up, and there's a big thing How much do your friends own? "I don't know exactly," said Wheaton, evenly; "I think not a great deal. Who are buying just now? I notice that it has been advancing for several days.

price." that I know of, I asked Billy Barnes, the secretary, the other day what was anything."

"No; Barnes has the reputation of being pretty close-mouthed," replied Whea

"If your friends want to sell, bring in the shares and I'll see what I can do with them," said Burton. "The outsiders are sure to act soon. This spurt right now may have nothing back of it. The town's full of gossip about the company and it ought to send the price down essential in the business, as he understood it.

(To be continued.)

Cause for Grief. sad expression?"

ord. I die in the first act. Tall Actor-Oh, it might be worse

Short Actor-It couldn't be. There is a real chicken dinner in the second

A Plea for the Verities, "Do you resent the caricatures they oublish of corporation kings?" "No," answered Mr. Dustin Stax only I wish they would be a little are fighting dyspepsia."-Washington ber at \$1.25 a thousand.

Our Betters.

The Customer-I say, d'ye know you half poisoned me with those beastly mushrooms I had here last week? A Mysterious Whisper-Then you are: we me sixpense, 'Erbert. I told yer o .- The Sketch.

Digging Holes.

"Not all the digging up for garden is done in the back yard. "No. One has to dig up consider ably at the seed and hardware stores." -Kansas City Times.

True Affection. He-And you don't dislike me cause

'm poor, do you, Sadie? She-Why, Eddie, I couldn't love you any more if your father owned a candy store.

Consumers of meat in New York city are paying about 11 per cent more for their food than they did one year

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Tuesday, August 3. Wheaton for his information. Wheaton read them and called the stenographer to the conference report on the tariff bill Votes were taken on rough lumber dictate the answer which Porter had in was evidenced today when the senate at \$1.25 and at \$1.50, but no agreedicate the answer which Porter had the dicate the dicate the dicate the porter had the dicate the porter had the client's last letter in his hand, and in concluding turned it over into the wire concluding turned it over into the wire basket which stood on his desk. As it fell face downwards his eye caught some given for that course a disinclination

noon tomorrow. The lack of interest in the proceed- ley rates. ings was evident. This was caused by an agreement of Western senators to vote for the conference report and to correct the hide and leather schedule by means of a concurrent resolution to that this rate will arouse the ire of the be acted upon separately. The form house committee which investigated of the concurrent resolution was agreed | the wood pulp and paper question upon at an informal conference in identical with the amount of Peckham's Aldrich's committee room. Instructions are given by this resolution to rule authorizing the conferees to go the enrolling clerks of the senate and house to change the language of the on leather and leather products. provision reducing duties on boots and shoes and harness.

Monday, August 2. Washington, Aug. 2.-Tariff legisquotation list for that date. Traction lation has been delayed again by the was given at thirty-three. Wheaton was hide and leather question, and the conbe buying foreign securities through leather schedule. These senators comof the senate from HamburgPeckham. The stock had advanced two plain that the leather schedule as arproval of the president, is unfair to the states interested in protected to the presidency."

Saturday, July 31

night adopted the conference report on decided to resign. the tariff bill, 195 to 183. Twenty not a customer of the bank, and had Republicans voted against the report

Payne appealed to his Republican His name was Burton, and he welcomed colleagues to stand by the bill, saying Wheaton cordially. He was alone in that if they wanted to drive their his office, and after an interchange of courtesies. Wheaton came directly to the against it. But he said it would be a delusion to vote against the bill upon least reduce them from their present the idea that the Dingley rates would

"We have revised the tariff and have taken off unnecessary duties," the secretary of the interior. Mr. said Payne. "Not all along the line Pinchot has donned his warpaint and generally, but in our revision of the feathers and intends to fight; Newell "Well, the truth is." said Burton, flat-tered by this appeal, "the bottom was pretty well gone out of it, but it's spruc-so evenly that we have done no injury is the final arbiter. ing up a little just now. If the char- to any person or any industry in the

> "These rates increase the revenue from customs less than \$4,000,000. The corporation tax is estimated to produce \$26,000,000 and tobacco \$9,-333, 333,

"The Dingley law, during all its period of existence has provided ample Some one seems to be forcing up the revenue, and there is no doubt this law will do the same for another 12 years.

Washington, July 31 .- After three hours' discussion the senate passed the going on. He must know who the certificates are made out to; but he winked and gave me the laugh. You know traveling expenses, appropriations for Barnes. He don't cough up very easy; executing the tariff bill's provisions, and he looks wise when he doesn't know reducing the salaries of five judges of reducing the salaries of five judges of the new Customs court from \$10,000 to \$7,500 per appum, and rewhen the bill was taken up.

Friday, July 30.

Washington, July 30. - Entering upon the last stages of its consideration by congress, the tariff will as rewas in once, a long time ago, but he knew when to get out all right." Whea- and ordered printed in the Congreston laughed with Burton at this tribute sional Record. Discussion of the con-Porter's sagacity, but he laughed ference report will begin at 10 o'clock He did not forget that he tomorrow morning, the indications bewas a bank officer and dignity was an ing that a day will suffice for its adop-

Thursday, July 29.

Washingon, July 29.-Bowing to gloves and lumber, the Republican Short Actor-I cannot help it, me tariff conferees brought their work to a conclusion this afternoon, signed the report and tomorrow will submit it to the house. Two tentative agreements -one reached yesterday and the other the day before-were repudiated by the president. The bill as it now stands will have the president's hearty approval.

President Taft gets the two things free hides and radical reductions in more consistent, and not make us look the duties on manufactured leatherlike jolly fat men, when most of us the existing rates on gloves and lum-

> Wednesday, July 29. Washington, July 28.-The confernce committee finished its work today, but Taft is displeased and may

not stand for the agreementgs, which Lumber, rough, \$1.40 a thousand feet. The house rate was \$1 and the senate rate \$1.50. The senate differentials were adopted, making lumber

Safety Device Ordered. Washington, Aug. 4 .- All American the Interior Pierce today. steamship companies were directed to equip the boilers of their vessels with independent waterfeeds by October 31 next in a decision of Assistant Secre-

rates on lath and shingles, which were Washington, Aug. 3.—The complete higher than the house rates, also were

Gloves were made dutiable at rates on the part of senators to speak considerably in advance of the duties brought an early adjournment until fixed by the senate bill, which for the most part were the same as the Ding-

Hides were left on the free list, contingent upon the adoption of the house below the house rates in fixing the rates

If the report is laid before the house on Friday, according to present program, it will be taken up Saturday.

Accepts Reyes' Resignation

Washington, July 31.-The resignation of President Reyes, of Colombia, pleased by the discovery; it was a fair ferees were called together once more was formally accepted today, according assumption that Porter was buying shares today. Western senators will compel to a dispatch received here. Reyes of Clarkson Traction; he would hardly further changes in the hides and wired his resignation to the president plain that the leather schedule as ar- remain abroad indefinitely. His mesranged by the conferees with the ap- sage to the Colombian senate reads: 'I irrevocably resign all future claims hides. It was agreed that some action four years yet to run. Since he has must be taken to conciliate them if been at the head of the government good thing for the cashier? He waited the conference report is to be adopted, there have been two attempts to assassinate him. His health has broken and with the people showing a disposi-Washington, July 31.—The house to- tion to support him no longer Reyes

Two Men Marked.

Washington, July 30. - Gifford Pinchot, chief of the Forestry service, and colleagues to stand by the bill, saying F. H. Newell, director of the Reclamation service, are equally aware that Secretary Ballinger is anxious to force them out of the Federal service, or at positions of power to places less important and less influential. But they is the final arbiter.

Mrs. Longworth Would Fly. Washington July 31 .- Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of ex-President Roosevelt, has become an enthusiastic apout aeronautics. Her attendance upon the trials of the Wright aeroplane is almost constant, and now, it is said, she is determined to make a flight herself, not in the aeroplane, though it is said she even expressed her willingness to do that, but in a bal-A. Holland Forbes, of New York, acting president of the Aero club of America, who is now in the city,

has promised to take Mrs. Longworth Utah Company Loses Lands. salaries of other Customs court offi- General Wickersham announced yester- morning. At 9:30 Saturday night the

cials. There was a large attendance day that the Utah Fuel company, a fire had consumed one-fifth of the town. subsidiary corporation of the Denver & Pio Grande railway, had settled pending government suits for recovery of illegally acquired lands by paying \$73,- fire fighting and to preserve order in 000 cash and reconveying to the gov-ernment 800 acres of coal lands, ap-Your friend Porter's a smooth one. He ported by the conferees was submitted praised at \$40,000. The attorney general stated that a rigid investigation present, but the total will be large. A would be made into the company's ownership of other lands.

Montana Lands Open to Entry.

Washington, July 29.-Over 213,000 withdrawn from the public domain durthrown open for entry today by the De-Tall Actor-Ah, Rudolps, why that President Taft's ultimatum as to partment of the Interior. The land was withdrawn because it was alleged area. formed to grab it for water power pur- 1583. poses. The land will be subject to settlement about the middle of Novem-

Old Landmark to Go.

commissioners today received bids on Spokane when the annual meeting conthe contract to tear down the Anacos upon which he insisted in addition to tia bridge, which is one of the historic The San Francisco convention league landmarks of the national capital. It will have ardent boosters present with was over this bridge that John Wilkes a lecturer and a photographic exhibit Booth sped his horse to escape from the city the night he shot Lincoln. The old bridge has been replaced by a Navigation company and the Southern handsome new structure, connecting Washington proper with the suburb of the San Francisco boomers. Anacostia.

Checks Water Grab

Washington, Aug. 3.-To frustrate the attempt on the part of combinations to secure control of the waterpower of the country and to carry out the policy of the administration for planed on one side dutiable at \$1.90; the conservation of the nation's natural two sides, \$2.15; three sides, \$2.52%, resources, approximately 42,000 acres and four sides, \$2.90. The senate of land for waterpower sites were temof land for waterpower sites were tem- calamity cannot be reckoned for severporarily withdrawn in Colorado, Montana and Utah, by Acting Secretary of sums of money were on deposit, is re-

> Shoup Statue at Capitol. Washington, July 30 .- A marble

INTERURBAN CARS MEET.

Collision Near Coeur d'Alene Results in Death of 13.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 2.—Thirteen persons were killed and 88 more or less seriously injured in a head-on trolley car collision Saturday afternoon, at Coldwell, on the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene branch of the Spokane & Idaho railway, 25 miles east of Spokane.

Officials of the line have not made a statement as to responsibility for the wreck. It is said the eastbound train did not take a sidetrack as it had been ordered. It is incomprehensible why the motormen did not avoid the collision, as the accident occurred on a straight track. The motorman of the westbound train is among the dead. Both trains were running at a high speed, especially the westbound train, and were presumably beyond control.

The wrecked cars were ground together in one confused mass. The injuries are of all kinds. Legs and arms are broken and heads and bodies are crushed. Bruises and scratches from splintered wood and broken glass are numerous, and internal hurts, which it is feared will swell the list of fatalities,

were inflicated. The first car of the train, the smok er, was so smashed that nothing but the trucks remained. It was crowded with men and scarcely one of them escaped alive and uninjured.

This is the first serious wreck in the history of the road. The track was cleared in about an hour and a half.

PEOPLE IN PANIC.

Repeated Shocks in Mexico Add to Earthquake Damage.

City of Mexico, Aug. 2.-With the eople absolutely frightened and trembling in terror from their awful experience in Friday's earthquake shocks, five distinct shocks were felt again Saturday, and the damage Friday is light compared with the damage Satur-

All communication was cut off from Chilpaneingo, Acapuleo and surrounding towns by the quakes, after it was estored following Friday's shocks, but information of the serious nature of the shocks came through before the wires went down. In every instance the frightened operators at the keys in the stricken towns, talking to the equally frightened operators in the capital, declared "the town is com-pletely wrecked," or words to that

The operator at Chilpancingo, capital of the state of Guerrero, reported that the palace of Governor Damien Flores, which had been partially wrecked, com-pletely tumbled down, but that the family had left its crumbling walls.

The shocks here were more severe than the former ones were, and not an American and but few foreigners remained indoors. The parks and plazas are crowded to overflowing and many people are in actual want of food,

OSAKA IN RUINS

Important Japanese City Is Swept by

Terrible Conflagration. Osaka, Japan, Aug. 2 .- At 6 o'clock esterday morning the terrible conflagration which has reduced to ashes a large portion of this city was under control. Up to that hour 13,000 buildings had been destroyed. An area four miles square was swept by the flames. A fire which threatened to destroy

The firemen who had been fighting all day, were completely exhausted and troops were called out to assist in the the city.

The exact amount of damage done by the flames cannot be estimated at number of persons have been killed and seriously injured by the fire. Osaka is one of the "imperial cities"

of Japan, and is one of the most important manufacturing and commercial acres of land in Montana that had been cities of the empire. It shelters almost three-quarters of a million peoing the Roosevelt administration was ple. The largest of the Buddhist temples, for which the city is famous among travelers, covers an enormous The chief public building of that a powerful combination had been Osaka is the palace, built of stone in

San Francisco Wants Irrigationists. San Francisco, Aug. 2.-An emphatic bid for the next session of the National Irrigation congress will be made Washington, Aug. 3.-The district by San Francisco representatives at venes in the Northern city this month.

Thousand Chinese Drowned.

Pekin, Aug. 2.—A government dis-patch from the flooded district in Manchuria this morning says that not less than 1,000 lives have been lost in the vicinity of Kirin. The flood is 20 feet deep over a large area and the property loss cannot be estimated. As the waters are still rising the extent of the al days. The Yalu bank, where large ported to have been swept away.

Adverse News Suppressed.

San Sebastian, Spain, Aug. 2.—(By statue of the late Senator Shoup, of way of the French frontier.) - No news tary McHarg, of the Department of Idaho, is soon to be erected in Statuary is allowed to be published from Barce-Commerce and Labor. If at the time hall in the capitol building. The statue lona, except that favorable to the govindicated all such vessels are not so is the gift of the state of Idaho, and equipped, the companies affected will have their licenses revoked. It is pointed out that this will reduce to a minimum the danger of explosions. Is the girt of the state of Idano, and was delivered at the capitol building today, but will not be unveiled until large part of the city and that the article minimum the danger of explosions.