## STUDY IN SCARLET

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PART II-Chapter I-Continued.

"Cocks and hens," cried the little girl, gleefully, pointing at their ill- will wait you here," the elder anomened forms, and clapping her hands to make them rise. make this country?" "Say, did God

"In course he did," said her compected question.

'He made the country down in Illinois, and He made the Missouri," the ly, with the confidence and dexterity of little girl continued. "I guess some practiced scouts. body else made the country in these

It ain't night yet," she answered, "It don't matter. It ain't quite regular, but He won't mind that, you bet! You say over them ones that you used to say every night in the wagon when we was on the plains."

"Why don't you say some yourself?" the child asked, with wondering eyes, "I disremember them," he answered, "I hain't said none since I was half the height o' that gun. I guess it's never stand by and come in on the choruses."

for that purpose. "You've got to put your hands up like this. It makes you feel kind of good."

It was a strange sight, had there been anything but the buzzards to see it. Side by side on the narrow shawl Her rosy lips were parted, showing knelf the two wanderers—the little, the regular line of snow white teeth Side by side on the narrow shawl prattling child and the reckless, hardened adventurer.

Her chubby face and his haggard, treaty to that dread being with whom they were face to face, while the two bers of her companion, voices-the one thin and clear, the other deep and harsh-united in the entreaty for mercy and forgiveness.

The prayer finished, they resumed der until the child fell asleep, nestling away.

The cries of the foul birds awoke the broad breast of her protect.

The cries of the foul birds awoke about

He watched over her slumber for them in bewilderment, some time, but Nature proved to be too strong for him.

Slowly the eyelids drooped over the and beasts. tired eyes, and the head sunk lower this face assumed an expression of and the head sunk lower upon the breast, until the incridulity as he gazed, and he passed and the artisan to his calling. In the town streets and squares sprang up as man's grizzled beard was mixed with the golden tresses of his companian. "This is what they call d and both slept the same deep and guess," he muttered. dreamless slumber.

for another half hour a strange sight nothing, but looked all around her with would have met his eyes,

Far away on the extreme verge of childhood. the alkali plain, there rose up a little spray of dust, very slight at first, and able to convince the two castaways they had erected in the center of the hardly to be distinguished from the that their appearance was no delusion, city grew ever taller and larger. mists of the distance, but gradually growing higher and broader until it formed a solid, well-defined cloud.

This cloud continued to increase in size until it became evident that it could only be raised by a great multitude of moving creatures.

In more fertile spots the observer would have come to the conclusion that one of those great herds of bisons which graze upon the prairie land was

approaching him, This was obviously impossible in cried, defiar these arid wilds. As the whirl of dust saved her. and the figures of armed horsemen began to show up through the haze, and the apparition revealed itself as being ful lot of ye." a great caravan upon its journey for the West

of it had reached the base of the mountains the rear was not yet visible on the horizon.

Right across the enormous plain stretched the straggling array, wagons and carts, men on horseback, and men on foot. Innumerable women who children who toddled beside the wagons or peeped out from under the white coverings.

This was evidently no ordinary party of immigrants, but rather some nomad who had been compelled people through stress of circumstances seek a new country.

There rose through the clear air a confused clattering and rumbling from this great mass of humanity, with the creaking of wheels and the neighing

Loud as it was it was not sufficient to rouse the two tired wayfarers above

a score or more of grave, iron-faced men clad in sombre homespun garments and armed with rifles. On reaching the base of the bluff

At the head of the column there rode

they halted and held a short council among themselves. The wells are to the right, my brothers," said one a hard-lipped,

clean-shaven man with grizzly hair. "To the right of the Sierra Blanco so we shall reach the Rio Grande. said another. "Fear not for water," cried a third.

"He who could draw it from the rocks will not now abandon His own chosen

'Amen! Amen!" responded whole party.

They were about to resume their journey when one of the youngest and keenest-eyed uttered an exclamation smartness of its appearance. and pointed up at the rugged crag above them. From its summit there fluttered a lit

tle wisp of pink, showing up hard and bright against the gray rocks behind. At the sight there was a general reining up of horses and unslinging of guns, while fresh horsemen came galloping up to reinforce the vanguard. The word "Redskins" was on every

There can't be any number of Indians here," said the elderly man, who appeared to be in command, "We have passed the Pawnees, and there are no other tribes until we cross the great mountains."

"Shall I go forward and see, Brother Stangerson?" asked one of the band.

"And I," "and I," cried a dozen voices.

> Leave your horses below and we swered.

In a moment the young fellows had dismounted, fastened their horses, and were ascending the precipitous slope in a dull murmur in the far distance. panion, rather startled by this unex- which led up to the object which had

excited their curiosity.

They advanced rapidly and noiseless-

The watchers from the plain below parts. It's not nearly so well done, could see them flit from rock to rock. They forgot the water and the trees," until their figures stood out against "What would ye think of offering up prayers" the man asked diffidently.

"It is a large was leading to see them at from rock to rock walfs had been committed led them to his wagon, where a meal was already awaiting them. them

> Suddenly his followers saw him throw up his hands, as though overcome with astonishment, and on join-ing him they were affected in the same. Young has said it and he has spoken way by the sight which met their eyes

On the little plateau which crowned the barren hill there stood a single giant bowlder, and against this bowl-der there lay a tall man, long bearded too late. You say them out, and I'll and hard featured, but of an excessive thinness.

"Then you'll need to kneel down, and me, too," she said, laing the shawl out for that purpose. "You've got to put Beside him lay a little child, with her white arms encircling his brown.

sinewy neck, and her golden-haired head resting upon the breast of his velveteen tunic.

within, and a playful smile played over her infantile features. Her plump little white legs, termi-

the cloudless heaven in heartfelt en-treaty to that dread being with whom contrast to the long shriveled memcontrast to the long, shriveled mem-

On the ledge of rock above this strange couple there stood three solemn buzzards, who, at the sight of the newcomers, uttered raucous screams their seat in the shadow of the bowl- of disappointment and flapped sullenly

the two sleepers, who stared about

The man staggered to his feet and looked down upon the plain which had For three days and three night he been so desolate when sleep had over-had allowed himself neither rest nor taken him, and which was now traversed by this enormous body of men

"This is what they call delirium, I

guess," he muttered.
The child stood beside him holding Had the wanderer remained awake on to the skirt of his coat, and said until the next Summer saw the whole

the wondering, questioning gaze of The rescuing party were speedly

One of them seized the little girl, and hoisted her upon his shoulder, companion and assisted him toward saw was never absent from the monu the wagons.

derer explained; "me and that little many dangers, 'un are all that's left o' twenty-three people. The rest is all dead o' thirst and the little girl who had shared his and hunger away down in the south." fortunes and had been adopted as his

drew nearer to the solitary bluff upon away from me. She's Lucy Ferrier son's wagon, a retreat which she which the two castaways were repost from this day on. Who are you, shared with the Mormon's three wives ing the canvas-covered tilts of wagons though?" he continued, glancing with and with his son, a headstrong, forcuriosity at his stalwart, sunburned ward boy of twelve. rescuers; "there seems to be a power-

of the young men; "we are the perse- a pet with the women, and reconciled But what a caravan! When the head cuted children of God-tne chosen of herself to this new life in her moving the angel Merona.'

"I never heard tell on him," said the wanderer. "He appears to have

chosen a fair crowd of ye.' "Do not jest at that which is sacred." said the other, sternly. "We are of those who believe in those sacred staggered along under burdens, and writings, drawn in Egyptian letters on plates of beaten gold, which were handed unto the holy Joseph Smith, at Palmyra. We have come from Nauvoo, in the State of Illinois, where we have founded our temple. We have come to seek refuge from the violent man and from the godless, though it be in the heart of the des-

The name Nauvoo evidently recalled recollections to John Ferries "I see," he said, "you are the Mormons.

"We are the Mormons," answered his companions, with one voice,

And where are you going? "We do not know. The hand of God is leading us under the person of our the thief stood and the till, so that he prophet. You must come before him, was actually in one territory while the prophet. shall say what is to be done with

They had reached the base of the hill by this time, and were surrounded by crowds of the ntlgrims-pale-faced, meek-looking women, strong, laughing children, and anxious, eyed men.

ment and of commiseration which arose from them when they perceived the youth of one of the strangers and the destitution of the other.

Their escort did not halt, however, but pushed on, followed by a great crowd of Mormons, until they reached a wagon which was conspicuous for its great size and for the gaudiness and

Six horses were yoked to it, whereas the others were furnished with two or, at most, four-apiece.

Beside, the driver there sat a man who could not have been more than thirty years of age, but whose massive head and resolute expression marked him as a leader.

laid it aside, and listened attentively to an account of the episode.

Then he turned to the two casta-"If we take you with us," he said in solemn words, "it can only be as believers in our solemn creed. We shall have no wolves in our fold. Better far

wilderness than that you should prove to be that little speck of decay which in time corrupts the whole fruit. Will

you come with us on these terms?"
"Guess I'll come with you on any terms," said Ferrier, with such emphasis that the grave elders could not restrain a smile. The leader alone retained his stern, impressive expres-

"Take him, Brother Stangerson," he said; give him food and drink, and the child likewise. Let it be your task also to teach him our holy creed. We have delayed long enough. Forward! On-on to Zion.

"On-on to Zion!" cried the crowd of Mormons, and the words rippled down the long caravan, passing from mouth to mouth until they died away

With a cracking of whips and a creaking of wheels the great wagon got into motion, and soon the whole caravan was winding along once more. The elder to whose care the two

"In a few days you will have recover-ed from your fatigue. In the meantime remember that now and forever

### with the voice of Joseph Smith, which is the voice of God." CHAPTER II.

This is not the place to commemorate the trials and privations endured by the immigrant Mormons before they came to their final haven.

From the shores of the Mississippi to the western slopes of the Rocky mountains they had struggled on with a constancy almost unparalleled in his-

The savage man and the savage beast, hunger, thirst, fatigue and disease-every impediment which Nature could place in the way had all been overcome with Anglo-Saxon tenacity.

Yet the long journey and the accumangular visage were both turned up to nating in white socks and neat shoes ulated terrors had shaken the hearts

upon his knees in heartfelt prayer when they saw the broad valley of Utah bathed in the sunlight beneath them, and learned from the lips their leader that this was the promised land, and that these virgin acres were theirs for evermore.

Young speedily proved himself to be a skillful administrator as well as resolute chiet Maps were drawn and charts pre-pared, in which the future city was

sketched out. All around farms were apportioned and allotted in proportion to the stand-

ing of each individual.

town streets and squares sprang up as if by magic. In the country there was draining and hedging, planting and clearing, country golden with the wheat crop. Everything prospered in the strange

settlement. Above all, the great temple which

From the first blush of dawn until the closing of the twilight, the clatter while two others supported her gaunt of the hammer and the rasp of the ment which the immigrants erected to "My name is John Ferrier," the wan- Him who had led them safe through The two castaways, John Ferrier

Having rallied, with the elasticity of childhood, from the shock caused by "Nigh upon ten thousand," said one her mother's death, she soon became canvas-covered home.

(To be Continued.)

#### CONTENDING FOR A PRINCIPLE.

#### Good Example of the Quibbles That Prevail in Legal Practice.

An English writer gives a good example of those quibbles in legal practice that have a sort of fascination for certain minds. Some years ago, while even traveling on the continent, he met the principal lawyer for the government of one of the principalities, who told him of a curious legal question. It had reference to a railway station at the boun-

dary between two principalities. Someone standing outside the window of the ticket office had put his hand through and robbed the till inside. The boundary line lay between where was actually in one territory while the crime was committed in another. Here was a nice nut for the gentlemen learned in the law to crack. Which of the principalities should undertake the prosecution of the criminal?

At it they went in good earnest, and the arguments on either side were long Many were the cries of astonish- and vehement, till the whole case was embalmed in many volumes. At last one side yielded so far as to say:

"We will permit you, as an act of ourtesy, to prosecute, while at the same time reserving all our sovereign

At this point of the recital I asked: And how did the prosecution end?"

"Ah! That is quite another matter," said my friend. "There was no proseention; we were only arranging what we should do when we caught the robber; but we never caught him."-Youths' Companion.

#### The Trappists.

He was reading a brown backed vol-ume, but as the crowd approached he announcing the death of relatives of the monks; these are seen by the abbot only, and at chapter he may simply announce: "The mother of one of our number is dead; let us pray for her soul."

Never to his dying day does the bereaved Trappist learn that he was praythat your bones should bleach in this ing for his own mother.

# THE PACIFIC CABLE

the general system covering our posses-

Length of the Cable.

and thus completing the route through

Northern Asia and Europe. From the

same junction they will extend down

through Siam and the Straits Settle-

ments, connecting with the Australian

west through India to Aden, along the

Red Sea and Mediterranean to Gibral-

the Asiatic continent.

\* It Will Complete an Electric Girdle About the Earth-Our Government Will Have Special Facilities for Communicating with Island Possessions In the Pacific. st st

8 a result of the decision of Con-, an analysis of the reasons, but I am gress to leave the building of in a position to state the fact, and I the new trans-Pacific cable to do it after many years of experience. private enterprise, the work will be I have been handling horses for more immediately begun by the Commercial than a quarter of a century and I have Pacfic Cable Company, a new concern had occasion to observe very closely formed on the basis of the Commercial those things which tend to benefit the Cable Company, which will consum- horse. Occasionally I have been withmate a duplicate all-the-world-around out goats and nearly every time I have been called upon to doctor one or more It is specifically stated that while the of my horses for some complaint pe-United States government does not in- culiar to this kind of animal. When I cur any expense or responsibility, it had goats around the stables to rub will have at its discretion command of up against the stalls and wallow Belle had a great talk with Harry out all facilities. This is particularly im- around generally sickness among my portant because the government has horses was a rare thing.

already gone to the expense of laying "My attention was called to the fact a good many years ago by a man who more than 700 miles of cable in the Philippine Islands. These cables were had spent the greater part of his life laid as a necessary strategic measure in the horse business. I had just lost during the recent trouble there and are a couple of fine horses and I was greatwith them very carefully and, in fact, had made pets out of them. I happened to meet my old friend and was Francisco, a distance of 2,413 miles, to any goats around your stables? he ask-Honolulu, thence to the Midway Isl. ed. I told him I did not. There is ands and Guam, another 2,203 miles, where you make a big mistake,' he and then to Manila, another 1,360 miles, said. 'Buy a few goats and turn them enabling the company to connect with in the lot with your horses and let a cable to Hong King and all points on them run together. I have tried it and it is a good plan.' I never thought much of it at the time, out 1 con-From Hong Kong the connections of the Commercial Pacific cable will run cluded that I would try it just for luck. It could do no harm. I bought me north up the Chinese coast, finally passing through Siberia to St. Petersburg.

some gonts. goats with my horses, and the health of my horses has been a matter of note among those who are familiar with my business. I do not pretend to say will benefit the horse. But there is something which acts as a great prowhere the Commercial Cable Com- health. I have often heard that the

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intended to be a connecting link in ly grieved over the loss. I had dealt runs."-Tid-Bits. The new cable will run from San telling about my loss. Do you keep can't, what a glorious literature we

"Since that time I have always kept hear me." and New Zealand cables, and passing just what it is about the goat which tar and Lisbon, thence to the Azores, tection to the horse in the matter of pany's system has another headquar- odor of the goat, while offensive ple of Greenland to have nights six ters, extending to New York. Both the enough to a great many persons, was months long." Benham-"Yes. Just San Francisco and eastern ends of a very healthy thing even for members think of the sufferings of the poor man these cables will be connected with the of the human family. I guess it is land telegraph system of the Postal the odor of the goat which benefits the the evening."-Bazar.



LIFTING THE PACIFIC CABLE ASHORE,

\$1 a word will be charged for messages that I might understand just what the from San Francisco to Manila and active purifying principle was made

China. San Francisco to Honolulu is being dectors, and the man who wants his which she Gutta Percha Telegraph Works Company, Ltd., London, England, The length is about 2,413 miles.

#### Laying the Cable.

The cattleship Silvertown, owned by the manufacturers, will convey this section of the cable from London to the Pacific coast via Cape Horn, where she will proceed with the laying operations. It is expected to complete the entire cable from San Francisco to Ma-

nila by January, 1905. The laying of the new cable will involve searching ocean depths to possibly as far as three miles. While the government work was being carried on in the Philippines the greatest depth reached was one and an eighth miles. The estimate is that a depth of at least three miles will be reached in cov-

ering the Pacific ocean. The operation of laying so many thousand miles of cable will necessarily involve a great deal of skill, but the difficulties which those who laid the Atlantic cables encountered have passed away, those having charge of the present work being able to carry out all details. The delicate and particular work, however, will be the landing of the cable at its objective point at Manila. The shore end conveyed by the Slivertown to this point will be lifted gently from the ship toward the land, where it will be placed in a deep trench, through which it will be conveyed to its final land communications, thence connecting with the cable to Hong Kong.

The death of John W. Mackay called attention to cable-laying projects in the Pacific. It is stated that the plans contemplated by his company will be pushed forward with all possible dispatch. The project has been delayed by the failure of the government to furnish the company with soundings taken in the Pacfic. It is expected that these soundings will soon be furnished and that the work will then be pushed to completion. Possession of the Philippines has made the necessity of a Pacific cable very apparent.

#### GOATS WARD OFF DISEASE.

#### They Should Be Kept Wherever Horse Are Regularly Housed.

"Goats are good things to keen around the stables where the horses are housed," said an old dealer in horses, "and the man who wants his horse to remain healthy will make a

Telegraph Company for all points in horse. I have often wanted to see a the United States. A uniform rate of chemical analysis of the goat odor, so "It she your child?" asked some one, daughter, accompanied the Mormons "I guess she is now!" the other tried, defiantly; "she's mine 'cause I Little Lucy Ferrier was borne along aved her. No man will take her pleasantly enough in Elder Stanger and the man who wants his manufactured by the India Rubber horses to remain healthy and vigorous and the man who wants his manufactured by the India Rubber horses to remain healthy and vigorous of. It is evidently a good disinfectant should keep goats around the stable." -New Orleans Times-Democrat.

#### Books Named from the Bible.

A close acquaintance on the part of phrases in the Bible is plainly shown in the titles of a host of books. Among the titles taken directly from the Bible, says the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post, are the following:

"If Sinners Entice Thee," "The Day

of Temptation." "The Favor and Wanting," "The Wages of Sin," "Black but Comely," "Dross," Kedar's Tents," "The Valley of Decision." "The Unjust Steward," "Sons of the Morning," "Visiting the Sin," "The Quick or the Dead," "The Prodigal," "The Bondwoman," "Tinkling Cymbals," "The Crown of Life," "Unleavened Bread," "A Laodicean," "The Birthright," "The Garden of Eden," "The Story of the Innumerable Company," "The Wings of the Morning," Until the Day Break," "The Mantle of Elijah," "They That Walked in Darkness," "I Go a Fishing," "The Tents of Shem," "The Snare of the Fowler," "Give Me Thine Heart," "Mine Own People," "The Measure of a Man," "Resurrection," "The Market Place," "From My Youth Up," "His Brother's Keeper," "The Hosts of the Lord" and "On the Face of the Waters."

## Standing on the Bias.

During the trial of a street railway damage suit in one of the circuit branches of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia a few days ago an important eyewitness of the accident took the stand in the person of an elderly colored man. The plaintiff had been injured while the car was at a street crossing, and one of the attorneys was endeavoring to elicit from the witness just where the latter was standing at the moment the plaintiff was struck by the car.

"As I understand you," remarked the attorney, after a number of questions had been asked, "you were standing at the street corner diagonally opposite the point where the accedent occurred."

"No, sir, I wasn't," declared the witness. "I guess I was standing kinder sort er bias from the spot."-Washington Star.

The devotion a father has for a cross mistake if he does not keep a few goats baby in its second summer is acquired; around. I do not propose to go into it is not natural.



In Chicago .- "Will you marry me?"

'What! again!"-Judge. The Trust Principle.—It is casier to rob a million of men of a dollar each than to rob one man of a million.

Mrs. Jones-"I always think twice before I speak once, sir." Mr. Jones (sighing)-"Exactly, Maria-but you're

such a quick thinker!"-Puck. Mistress (to newly-engaged cook)-"And now, what shall we call you?" Cook-"Well, mum, me name is Bertha, but me friends all calls me Birdle." Swapping confidences: May-"I hear

on the beach." Clara-"I should say she did. Why, even her tongue is sunburned."-Ex liaste necessary: Assistant (in menagerie) - "Sir, it rains!" Keeper-

"Good heavens! Don't waste a minute, but take in that zebra. His color If the people who can't write had the brains of those who can, and those

who can had the skill of those who would soon have .- Ex. Mrs. Hiram Offen-"What made you leave your last place?" The Cook Lady " "Tis insultin' ye are, ma'am. Nothin' could ever make me l'ave, ma'am. Oi

go whin Oi plazes."-Philadelphia Press. Lieutenant-"Don't you know enough to salute your superior officer?" New Sentry—"I did, sir." Lieutenant—"I failed to see you." Sentry—"I said, 'Hello, there!' but I guess you didn't

Kitty-"D'ye r'aly love me, Dinny? Denny-"Do Oi love ye? Faith, Kitty. Ol'd do annything to live wid ye the rist av me loife, aven if Oi knowed 'twould kill me this minute."-Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Benham-"It's hard on the peowhose wife's mother drops in to spend

Casey-"Did ye go ovter t' see Kelly lasht noight?" Costigan-"Ol did not. Afther Ol'd walked two-thirds av th way Oi was too tired t' go a shtep further, so Oi turned round an' walked back home again."-Judge. "Brother, don't you know if you

don't swear at them I won't get to the end of the row, and that's the impertant thing at present."-Philadelphia Record. "Yes, count, in all the park there is no place I like so well as under this old, old tree. (Sighing sentimentally.) There are tender associations, you

swear at those mules you won't get to

Paradise?" "Yes, pawson; but if I

see." "Aha! I comprehend, mam'selle, You have yourself planted the tree!" —Punch. His choice jury: Lawyer Brief-"I see that case of yours is on. Jury drawn yet?" Lawyer Skinner-"Yes, and it's a splendid one." Lawyer Brief-"Above the average in intelli-

gence, eh?" Lawyer Skinner-"No;

way below it."-Philadelphia Press, Mrs. Doolan-"Only think, Mrs. Grogan, that great Planipounder has practiced so har-rd at the planny for the authors with the terse and expressive lasht six months that he has paraloysed two fingers." Mrs. Grogan-"Begorrah, that's nothing, Mrs. Doolan. Me daughter, Mary Ann, has practiced so hard for the lasht six months that she's par-

aloyzed two plannies." Excited Fisherman (to country hotel keeper)-"There isn't a bit of fishing Princes," "Wayfaring Men," "Weighed about here! Every brook has a sign warning people off. What do you mean by luring anglers here with the promise of fine fishing?" Hotel Keeper-"I didn't say anything about fine fishing. If you read my advertisement carefully, you will see that what I said was

'Fishing unapproachable.' " "Archibald, dear," his wife said. arousing him "In the dead of night," "I wish you would walk baby a little while. He's going to wake up." "How can I do that, Lucinda?" expostulated the sleepy husband. You know I've got the ping-pong ankle." "Then put him in his cradle and rock him a while." "I can't do that, either. Eve got the golf shoulder."-Boston Courier.

The blood of the soldier: "I suppose colonel," said the beautiful grass widow, "that there often are moments when you wish you were again on the battle-field, thrilled by the roar and fired by the excitement of war." "Yes," he answered, looking around eagerly for an avenue of escape, and seeing none, "even now the old feeling comes back to me."-Chicago Record-Herald.

An appreciation: A man went with his wife to visit her physician. The doctor placed a thermometer in the woman's mouth. After two or three minutes, just as the physician was about to remove the instrument, the man, who was not used to such a prolonged spell of brilliant silence on the part of his life's partner, said: "Doctor, what will you take for that thing." -Tit-Bits.

Floor-walking: Head floor-walker (severely)-"I heard you tell the lady she would find the ribbons at the third counter to the left." New floor-walker-"That's where they are." Head floor-walker-"Yes; but you should have told her to go to the right past the necktle bargain-counter, turn to the left past the stocking bargain-counter, then three counters to the right past the shirt-walst margain counter, and so on. You'll never make a toorwalker."-Judge.