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CHAPTER XIV .- (Continued) No sheer visited her wenty eyes until this, he fairly studied that room, long after midnight, she was so unhap py and so unnerved by all the events of breath; the height of the two windows.

Rising with the slarm of the usual hell that rang to awaken the bousehold. the pear girl again commenced to review the problem that had presented treeff to be worked out the night before. Once she

and had sting several parameters.

"I flink," at length he said, interrupt for her, "that it grows cloudy. Please On his return it was that he suddenly head around, had seen Ethel in that dangerous ghass around, had seen Ethel in that dangerous ghass around, had seen Ethel in that dangerous ghass around, had seen Ethel in that dangerous ghass.

letter acons at his bidding, and after examining the sky returned, saying, as she resumed for seat:

"There is, indeed. A very black cloud systeme, and had wrenched again those is lying in the west, which foretells a self-fastenings and drawn her from her

is lying in the west, which foretells a farm shower."

"Then put aside your instrument and draw close to nee, as I have some private instructions to give you in regard to a new work to be done to night. Are we entirely alone?"

"Then put aside your instrument and draw close to nee, as I have some private instructions to give you in regard to seem with the bedone to night. Are work, in order to be at peace with the proper sphere, but with set teeth and a firm resolve, he plunged into study, and active work, in order to be at peace with the proper sphere. we are Mrs Fredon left the room binnelf.

to prepare you some inourishment, and your wife and nices are in the grounds," even detailed him by his side until, after replied E(he), trembling, she knew not

why.

"Then listen intently to my instructions if that storm rages about half past nine or ten o'clock to night, you must visit the Haunted Tower and put in mothar rome machinery I have erected there."

"O. Sir Reginald," murmured the shrinking listener, "please do not ask that of me."

"You just attend to my orders, and do what I tell you to do. Never dure dispute my will."

This haroust then proceeded to give time o'clock. Then the wild wind and dreaming rain served to retard he fore

The baronet their proceeded to give dreaching rain served to retard his prog-minute directions for the lighting of each light, and since for the movements of the before he felt the worn pathway the frightful and hideous image there since aled. At its conclusion he remark

conceased. At its conclusion he remark
ad:

"To you think you understand every
particular of the work I now require to
be doos?"
"I do," replied lithel, "but, sir, my
saud revolts from the whole thing. I
consider it a wicked deseption, and I best
you to excuse me from undertaking it."

"Who cares what you think about it.
No one asked your opinion. Do it you
shall, so do not dure to utter another
word against it."

"Sir Reginald, I have faithfully performed your wishes in regard to feeding
the senior of the whole thing.

"It is a small dark lander to
bushes, where, once concented from view,
he paused to light a small dark him.

By the sid of this he proceeded to examine what only seemed a dull, blank
walt. Close inspection, however, reveal
at large stone that was loose, which
he saully drew forth, making a clean,
unobstructed passageway, through which
are during the sail of this high, the paused to exsmine this floor, and found to his surprise, wer tracks upon it, that told alone.

word against it."

"Sir Reginald, I have faithfully performed your wishes in regard to feeding the animal, whose life you value so high ly knowing that to preserve the life of even the least of God's creatures is a duty, but I can see no possible necessity for striving to impose upon the creduity of the inhabitants of this quiet place."

"That, I tell you, is my lushness and not yours." was the suffernment of the creduity of the inhabitants of this quiet place."

"That, I tell you, is my lushness and the word of the condition of the creduity of the inhabitants of this quiet place."

"Even while is making directly upon heavily has all light, he pausing directly upon heavily has all light, he paused to examine this floor, and found to his surprise, were tracks upon it, that told plain that way. Following these, the young man walked in a direct line across the building, until he reached a door, which, upon trying, he found to his chagrin, securely fastened.

Even while is

of the inhabitants of this quiet place."

"That, I tell you, is my business and not yours," was the sugary reply. "You have not convenent, distant footsteps fell are here simply to stiend to my work, and and I have well paid you for doing so."

"I know that but surely I am at lib."

"I know that but surely I am at lib. I work to be a constant of the door, and harriedly he dorted back, extinguishing his light as he did so.

Just he time was this movement male. erry to point out an error in your wishes and judgment. Sir Reginsid, this thing that you ask me to do is wrong, and I et the door, and there, to as unmiligatenties you to earry it no further. You et surprise, stood Ethel Nevergail, the say you have done this yourself for tweet ty-five years; surely that can answer any since that narrow escape of hers, with purpose you may have to effect by it. lighted candle in her hand, peering int Please, then, he satisfied, and let this the darkness beyond.

Just in time was this m

the darkness beyond.

Had she seen him? he asked himself

Resolved not to be balked in his of

wards the door, and to his joy, it this

me yielded to his touch. Poor Ethel! this night for the firs

to fasten the door, after possessing her self of the food. This forgetfulness accounts for the

entrance of the doctor into the corridor, and enabled him to follow her advancing

CHAPTER XVI.

Wiping away her tours, poor Ethe

figure, softly in the distance.

tell you I will not," replied the onet, fairly purple from rage; "do not see that your obstinacy is throw me into a terrible and injurious ex.

Ital some see that your available the creeping like a third towards this unfortunate house, and hearing his steps, had she come to warn him away?

No? the thought was abourd, and he baronet, fairly purple from rage; "do you not see that your obstinacy is throwing me into a terrible and injurious exsoon saw that she came seeking merely wishes. If you dare refuse, you shall a covered basket, not observed until then, leare my bouse this night, even though I standing just beyond the door.

How pais also looked, as he viewed for

you hear?"
murisured the distressed girl one moment her and face and—yes; sure is, those were terrs that fell from he beautiful hazel eyes upon her check the could be autiful hazel eyes upon her check.

The sight of those tears caused him to

No answer came, the only reply she could make being a burst of tears. Mad-dened by her silence and sobs, the baro-net started up until, isaning upon his el-bow, a thing he had been expressly for-then heard her little feet start down the how, a thing be had been expressly for bidden to do, as it would far his hip, his should his flat violently in her face. While he demanded in fury: "Will you obey?"

form to unravel this night one mystery at least, Dr. Elfenstein pushed again to will!" she at last gasped, between her sobs. Poor girl! seeing his violent excitement, and remembering her aunt's

excitement, and remembering her aunts last charges, she dared not refuse.

"Then see that you do it," he returned, more calmly, as he sank back with a groan upon his pillow.

There was no escape from the disgraceful duty that awaited her, so at her naual time she took the lighted can die in her hand and started with tearful die in her hand and started with tearful of her loachsoms duty, and in her grief and excitement, for the first time forgot graceful duty that awaited her, so at her osual time she took the lighted can-dle in her hand and started with tearful syes to attend to the task before her.

CHAPTER XV.

After Dr. Elfonstein had asked per-mission of Sir Reginald Glendenning to search the Haunted Tower he felt excoedingly puzzled over his future course. Resolved as he was to penetrate the mystery of that place, he could not under

nd how the thing was to be accom-In all his visits to Sir Reginald, although reserved in manner, his every nerve had been on the alert. He had been told that the room occupied by the present baronet was the one where Sir

hat her part of the ghostly work was to Taking then a long handled torch, with Assing twee a long handled torch, which the colored lights above were to be touched in order to light them, she applied the condite to it, and reaching up-soon had every one illuminated and flaming away to the usual unearthly looking

In doing so whe power observed the tall, silent figure of the man who had crept after her and new stood in the below, intently watching her every

At last the weary steps were climbed,

and she stood panting on the broad land-ing, just below the upper windows of the place. It was standing on this landing

The stuffed form before her was next to be attended to. Taking therefore, the lump from within the head she lighted it. ) Arthur had met his and fate. Knowing and putting it back almost exclaimed at the effect the colored light gave the ayes.
Winding the crang slowly, she saw
ptint it worked as she supposed it would. py and so dimerred by all the events of the breath; the height of the two windows that it worked as she supposed it would, the best twenty four human and sgain she prayed that it might go well, and nothing terrible result from the loss of the dreadful human and some two damages and promisely to the four which the rope had daugled that the ferror and dismay of all outward be had been used to lower the hody to the pholores.

He had several times walked to that window, as if meditating over his patient's care, and looked out, surveying the ground below, and the distance from it to the lake, which was risible through the trees.

From the house, which he risited daily

With tears still falling over her pale schecks. Ethel stood with her eyes fastened above, upon the swaying motions of that frightful looking image, when her heart almost stopped within her, and a swild cry barst from her lips as these words fell upon her care.

From the house, which he risited daily With tears still falling over her pale

from was perceptible; therefore, reving profile of the place, although he felt certain lowering the image, extinguished that that all must be well, and firmly recoived there was no doorway. The more be thought of this the mure he was sure it must be the case.

Why that well used path through the first of the one little candle she had place. Why that well used path through the first of the one little candle she had place.

to say nothing of what had happened, and white keeping silent endeavor to drive the entire circumstance from her own minds, and so be at peace.

The day passed on as usual, and when might brought her to the shelves, abe once more found to ber satisfaction silence reigning, and fall that new, indeed, all was right. Four Ethell She little knew the fearful consequences yet to cause from her first blumler.

The third afternoon had arrived, and the whip and drove hastly away.

The third afternoon had arrived, and

from her first blunder.

The third afternoon had arrived, and nothing had franspired to lead her to apprehend the least trouble from that unfortunate occurrence. His had, therefore, regained the courage she had lost, and was fast driving the cutire curoumstance from her mind.

This offernoon Hir Reginall had expressed a wish for main, therefore she had brought her guitar to his hadded, and could not now be recalled, he passed and had sing several ballads for his amorphism.

The third afternoon had arrived, and the whip and drove hastly away.

But just as be emerged again into the ramble, he saw Miss Belle Glendeming was fast driving the courage she had lost, and fell mortified that she should have noticed his ride around the premises, as pressed a wish for main, therefore she could utter one of the following words:

This offernoon Hir Reginall had expressed a wish for main, therefore she had brought her guitar to his hadded, and could not now be recalled, he passed on, and proceeded to visit the homes of several sick persons who needed his admits a first time I was in Liverpool when you saw that sight, the time when it last appeared?"

Yes, that is true; I had forgotten. But

that does not absolve you from to-night's ghastly deception," was the still cold re-(To be continued.)

A BABY SQUIRREL OVERBOARD.

With Shill and Gentleness the Mother Rescued the Youngster.
"I was very much amused and very

nuch instructed recently," said a man occasion to notice either the old squirrel or her young until something tragteal happened in the family. In some
way one of the little fellows scramhied over the even of the little fellows account of
the presumption is longitude of the Netherland even in that she has gone on one of the hidden ment charts and those of other narefs that are not pet marked or are tions. This difference, which amountincorrectly charted.

It was not long after the chart of planally more was rectified above. bied over the edge of the nest and fell to the ground. I heard the noise, and, looking in the direction of the sound, I saw the baby squirrel squirming around in great agony and totally unable to get on its feet. The totally unable to get on its feet. The nother squirrel rushed down the side most in an instant she was by the side of her offspring. She took in the situation at a glance, and set to work tor a century inter, clung on to the to get the youngster back in the nest. She switched the body around and turned it over and then grabbed it with her teeth just under the smaller portion of the back. Instinctively, I suppose, the young squirrel threw its arms around the mother's body, and after she made sure that the was good she started cautiously back nest. She reached there safely, and I saw no more of the distressed mother nor the youngster. I was very much impressed with the gentlene and skill she displayed in handling the injured baby squirrel, and really was an inspiring scene."-The Mail and Expresa.

He Could Play, It is related that a stranger once the stranger and soon the cathedral was filled with the Spanish, driven out by the Mo and working slowly up to the full or several other equally popular the young priest-composer, whose latest oratorio, "Leo," was performed at the Vatican during the celeoration of the Pope's Jubilee.

Wanted to See Jefferson Act.

On several occasions last summer Joseph Jefferson had with him as a guide an old colored man, to whom and reached dimly, and from afar, the graphic charts, fame of Rip Van Winkle. One day, when the two were out fishing in a "Boss, is it a circus you are in?"

"Was, sar. Ye can act, can't ye?" Mr. Jefferson made a modest reply. "Well, sar, I never git to New York, out I'd powerful like to see ye not. ar, and I'll give fifty cents if you'll

"Not exactly a circus," said Jeffer-

cut up right now!" Love in a Newport Cottage. Tess-Poor May! Jack Mintry ask ed her if she would care to be satisfied with love in a cottage with him. Jess-And she refused him? Tees-Yes, and the next day she

port.-Philadelphia Press. Be sure you're wrong; then back up- naturally considered.

iscovered the cottage was at

0 The Hydrographic Department of The stretch was about 3,000 miles, the British Admiralty recently erused and there was doubt as to the pracfrom the charts a group in the South ticability of the scheme. While Pacific known as the Royal Company's discussion was going on, in the later Islanda. Every one of those large pro- 40s, the proposition was put forward fections of the world showing the that by making a landing on Jacquet oundlessness of the British Empire Island, a good deal of difficulty could ish patches, which at a distance give contains the name Royal Company's be avoided. Jacquet Island then came the mariner the impression of shoals. Islands attached to several dots south in for a good deal of prominence, and Looking on his chart be finds none of Tasmania. Not only is the name that was its undoing. A little lavestic charted in that neighborhood and, con there, but to prevent any misunder gation proved Jacquet Island to be a sequently, enters his discovery in his standing or covelousness there is usual might, and the Atlantic cable was laid log. When he reaches port he gip printed under the names a thick red on the bottom of the ocean from one information, which finally finds line to indicate that the territory is continent to the other without the re-British. But they are not British, or lay lotended. Notwithstanding this government, and then to all the others

and placed on the chart, for if it really does exist it is a menace to navi-It is something to be on the lookout for, yet in a year or two it may be reported as a toyth, or in a different position. 

The question naturally arises, "How omes it that mythological islands are reported? How can any one see an island that has no existence?" To the spot where the fabulous island is the lands man it appears inexplicable. said to have been seen, and generally simplicity Itself. At times there appear in the sea

ong, dark patches or bright, yellow

the mariner the impression of shoals sequently, enters his discovery in his When he reaches port h

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* | way this is entered on the records on the Pacific they often cruise long distances in search of talands or shoals or reefs reported at various times. In this way more phantoms have been explained away than in any other. While the ordinary mariner does not take time to investigate the things he sees, or believes he sees, the survey expedition examines critically in nine cases out of ten they sall over To the spot where the fabulous island is find their dead line is too short to touch bottom. For some unknown reason these islands of the imagina tion persist in selecting that part of the ocean where depth is greatest, when they might have done better is when they might have done betetr to one of those things no fellow can find out."

BUN, MOON AND EARTH.

Ultimate Return of Moon to Earth Predicted by Scientist.

The alterations now occurring in the distribution in the solar system have ed Professor George Darwin to predict that the moon will ultimately re-turn to the earth which gave her sudten birth so many ages before; and it may further be prophesied that the planets and their satellites must ultinately yield to the gravitational influence of our dying sun and must return to the bosom of their parent.

We must conceive of the solar system of to-day, then, as gathered into one central mass, closely aggregated around that point which from the beginning has constituted its center of gravity. And what will be the stage of this shrunken object? It will be a dark star, dead sun. There are myriads of such in the heavens. Sir Rob ert Ball has said that to count all the bright stars that we can see and say "these are all there are" would be like counting the red-hot horseshoes in England and saying, "this is the total number." This dark to be will, therefore he just such another as millions

There will be no life upon it. We can not conceive the terror of its cold, for the nebula has been dissipating energy, in the form of light and heat, into the chilly depths of intersidereal space ever since the first hour of its ongaeval shrinkage. What is the destiny of this dead sun

among whose constituent atoms, remember, will be those in the printer's ink before your eyes and those in the eyes before your eyes? Are they forever-"stable in desolution," as Stevenson has it-to be borne ogward through infinite space? No; this shrivsied globe, the common tomb of sun and earth and Mars and of the bodies of the great that once breathed there-on, may live again. Give it but the ensuming embrace of such another covage and in a moment a new nebula

The force of their impact will suffice evaporate their substance into another cloud which will repeat the history of the old. The path of the two dead suns will determine the position of the "principal plane" which will form the ground plan of the new systere. Harper's Magazine.

## EQUINE WEARY WILLIES.

ories of Horses Who Had Ideas of Their Own and Lixed Up to Them.

There are many instances of horses refusing to perform their allotted duties. A certain farmer at Sateley, in Hampshire, tells a story of a cart horse which he bought "cheap" at a horse saio near Aldershot. As events turned out, this animal proved by no means a bargain, for from the day he was bought to the time the disappointed purchaser sold him "for a mere song" this simblers beast absolutely vertised to do any work He would submit to being parnessed

Once a fabrilous Island gets a foot's in the most exemplary manner, but when once this operation was performed the will animal would not budge an inch-rivating in determination the mule, witich frequently decides to take and in finite it is often found necessary to fight a fire underneath the lazy offender before he can be in-duced to "move on."

A well-known race horse trainer in Sussex once bad a borse which would only work when in the mood for it. Time after time this curiously dispositioned animal would, when run-ning is burdle races, tead his field, and appear to be winning easily, until the lest hurdle was reached. He then presumsbly thought that he had done nough work, for he would stop short. of an island at 8.35 S., 167.47 E., or and, digging his front hoofs into the ground, would klow every horse in the

> equietly trot off to the paddock. Apparently there was method in this peculiar idiosynerasy, for his trainer was of opinion that the horse counted -and, mindful of the many hidings he from the last hurdle to the "run is" winning post, had formed a resolve never again to negotiate the final hur-

Sorry He Spoke. Mr. Wilkins, wandering simlessly lown the street, met his old friend Peatly, says the Chicago Tribune. Hello, Pently!" he called, cheerity, Where have you been this long

"Serving on a jury," said Pently. "Well, I can sympathize with you," hald Mr. Wilkins. "It must have been a good deal of a bore. Isn't it curious, by the way, that they always seem to want ignoramuses on a jury now-adays? They never take anybody that that, of course, I mean as a general thing-for they do once in a while get a man of intelligence-I'm not speaking of you, of course-I don't know whether you get exactly what I am driving at or not, but-but-the fact is, I-that's a mighty fine stick-pin you're wearing, old man. Where'd you get it?"

Various Sorts.

"You hear so many people talking of the pace that killa." I wonder what mean, exactly," "Well, it depends. There's the mes-

senger boy's pace, for instance; that merely kills time." — Philadelphia Press.

A poetic genius is one who is able to convert his stuff into real money.

## PHANTOM ISLES OF THE PACIEIC

Hundreds of Illusions Charted as Land.



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ocean highway frequently used and of the cypress like a streak, and al Pacific was the first to have its fabulons islands dissipated. The Island of Antillia, called Heptapolis by Merca-



begged to be allowed to try the organ, to the nineteenth century. Antillia, ment that even the organist did not down as an established material fact, inderstand. With some reluctance the but it was given a population. Ac organist allowed the stranger to play, cording to the stories then believed, sounds that its walls had never heard had taken possession. If the island before. As the stranger played, pull- ever had an existence, there is nothing out stops never before combined, ing now to prove it. There were also gan, the cathedral filled, and it was equally fabulous islands in the Atlannot until a large congregation had tic, which navigators after the Middle wondered at his gift that the stranger | Ages proved to be existing only in the told his name. He was Doin Lorenze lively imagination of a darker time. One of these was the Island of the Irish Saint Brandon, belief in which was not thoroughly destroyed until the eighteenth century; another was Bragil Island, which did not appear to have any fixed habitation. It seed to be a perfect derelict, when finally, about forty years ago, the British Admiralty removed it from the bydro-

Of all the fabled Atlantic islands the most curious instance of persist owboat, he hazarded a few remarks. ent survival is to be found in Jacque Island, which first made its appear ance on the maps during the Middle Ages. On the old charts it is shown off the Newfoundland coastat 47 degrees north and about 43 cast. The map reproduced on this page is from a large atlas published by one of the best map publishers in 1855.

Not only was it charted, but there was a widespread belief in its existence, owing, no doubt, to the fact that it was shown in devery large atlas of the time. In spite of this belief there was no record of any ship having seen the louely island. When the sub-marine cable had been laid between England and France and in various parts of the Mediterranean a cable to onnect both sides of the Atlantic was

who lives in the country, "by the an- wich Islands, but which, there seems | were, presumed to exist, and, although doubled. A tide rip often is mistaken tics of a mother squirrel in my section, and is mistaken and which is an another squirrel in my section, and twintle I have grown up, as I might phantom as the Royal Company's Islands, among squirrels and cypress and a trees, it was a revealation to me. The three are only two recent incidents.

These are only two recent incidents the manifestation of the manifesta squirres had nested in a low, dumpy connected with the fictitious islands strike one at night or on a misty day Disagreement in Charts, cypresentres close to the edge of a lake, of the Pacific, which ocean seems to and go to the bottom. That many of Agother explanation for mistakes

and the nest was probably thirty or forty feet from the ground. The mother squarrel happened to be in the tree at the time, although I had no tree at the time at the time at the time at the time.

the reported dangers to navigation in twenty-five years ago when the Neth the Pacific had been issued before more information was brought, in one way or another, to the Hydrographic Office, and by 1806 this information however, and there are still many during the complete. had increased to such an extent that plications of shouls and other dangers the chart became almost valueless, on the charts, having been reported also being of lesser extent than the and it also showed the impracticability by different navigators using ty of issuing another chart. A volume charts of their respective nations. was then published giving all the dewas then published giving at the talls that had come to the knowledge ing, so to speak, on one of the naviof the office. In five years a new edition, taking note only of the North
Pacific, was published.

In 1801 the In this volume there are described:

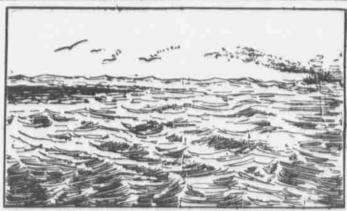
> Pacific north of the equator, and thegreater number of the "dangers" are mentioned as "islands," of which subsequent inquiry has shown that the majority are as fabelious as the Island of Antillia or as Jacquet Island. draughtsman is almost constantly em- tion that "it is uninhabited."



ship Nautilus reposted the discovery

cific. Not only was it reported as a brace to pass him, after which he would fact, but the information was accomployed erasing phantoms which haves strength of this assertion it was conseen unveiled, and putting down news sidered the genuine article, but it was the hurdles—there are eight in a race "islamis" which may in turn prove to believed its position was doubtful. Ital the fabulous. Within the last four longitude was given as 167 degrees .05 had to former days received in the years more than twenty-five mytholog- minute, and this was said to be a misleal land spots in the Pacific have been; take. As it subsequently proved, the taken off the charts, and about as whole island was a mistake. The ship Carola in 1883 made a seageh for it One of the latest reports received for a distance sixty miles least and by the office is dated Bremen, April 10. It is given as a specimen of the cast of the lead to seventy-five fath-fragmentary way in which these reports are received: "The Prinz Walfable was destroyed by being erased. demar Waltmas, on the voyage from There is nearly always some vessel

Bands to Berlinhafen, reports at 6:40 in the United States navy employed a. m. on Dec. 17, in istitude 1 degree in making and correcting surveys. The grees 30 minutes east, saw a reef un- the Hydrographic Office is of the grant der water estimated to extend baif a est possible service. The coast is of sea mile from S. S. W., to N. N. E., course, the principal object of altenabout 100 meters broad." Straight tion to these surveying parties, but



DISCOLORATION OF SEASEEMS A NEW ISLE

The South Pacific was the subject of a volume issued in 1879, in which 1,300 "dangers" were reported. As in the former case, most of these were tslands, and opposite their names were the words, in bold-faced type "Position Doubtful" or "Existence Doubtful." There had been by 1891 sufficient new reports to fill a good-sized supplement. about the mbidle of the Southern Pa-Since then there have been only occasional addenda printed and distributwhich was new and a very fine instru- or the seven cities, was not only put ed, and in the Hydrographic Office a panied with the superfinous supposi-

> many more have been added. 22 minutes south, longitude 130 de- mass of material thus colle