

CHAPTER XX.-(Continued.) | whother I shall be obeyed or get a bullet We had no time to waste in abusing through my head." "Pray be calm," said L "You didn't

the Colonel; the question was how to outwit him. I unfolded my plan to the let me finish !" Signorina, not at all disguising from her "Let you finish!" he cried. "You seem the difficulties, and even dangers, attend- to think jabber does everything. The end ant upon it. Whatever may have been of it all is, that either you give me the her mind before and after, she was at money, or I take it-and if you interfere, this moment either so overcome with her look out

"That is just what I was going to pro-

"What do you mean 7" he asked.

I explained to him that it was impossi

"But," I went on, "although I am

"Oh !" said the Colonel, "that's the

"That," I replied, "is the game; and a

"And what will they say in Europe,

"My dear Colonel, you force me to

"I should like to be there," he remark-

"You will be there, of course, but in-

to reconnoiter the coast and keep an eye

on The Songstress. Draw off your com

panies from the Piazza on that pretense.

Then take fifteen or twenty men you can

trust-not more, for it's no use asking

Jones will open when you knock. Don't

him quiet. Go in and take the money.

Here's the key to the safe. Then, if you

"Bravo, my boy !" said the Colonel.

'There's stuff in you after all And what

are you going to get out of it? I sup-

As the reader knows, I wasn't going

like, set fire to the place.'

fear of the Colonel, or so carried away pose, if you hadn't interrupted me," I said by her feeling for me, that she made nothing of difficulties and langhed at dangers. quietly, but with inward exultation, for I polnting out that though failure would saw he was just in the state of mind to be ignominious, it could not substantially walk eagerly into the trap I was preparing for him. aggravate our present position.

"Are you going to take any of the money away with you?" she asked.

"No," said I. "I don't think so. It ble for me to give up the money. My would considerably increase the risk if 1 reputation was at stake; it was my duty were seen hanging about the bank ; you to die in defense of that money-a duty know he's got spies all over the place. which, I hastened to add, I entertained Besides, what good would it do? I no intention of performing. couldn't stick to it, and I'm not inclined to run any more risks merely to save the bound not to surrender the money, I am bank's pocket. The bank hasn't treated not bound to anticipate a forcible seizure me so well as all that. I propose to rely of it. In times of disturbance parties of on your bounty till I've time to turn ruffians often turn to plunder. Not even round. Now, shall I come for you?" 1 the most rigorous precautions can guard nsked her when we had arranged the other against it. Now it would be very possi ble that even to-night a band of such details.

"I think not," she said. "I believe the marauders might make an attack on the Colonel has one of my servants in his bank, and carry off all the money in the pay. I can slip out by myself, but I safe. couldn't manage so well if you were with me. The sight of you would excite cu- game, is it ?" closity. I will meet you at the bottom of very neat game, too, if you play it prop-Liberty street.'

"At two o'clock in the morning exactly. please. Don't come through the Piazza when they hear the Provisional governand Liberty street. Come round by the drive." (This was a sort of boulevard ment is looting private property?" encircling the town, where the aristocracy was wont to ride and drive.) "Things much explanation. You will, of course, ought to be pretty bus yabout the bank not appear in the matter." by then, and no one will notice you. You ed. "If I weren't, the men mightn't have a revolver?" catch the exact drift of the thing."

"Yes.

"All right. Don't hurt anyone if you can help it; but if you do, don't leave cognito. Look here, Colonel, it's as plain him to linger in agony. Now I'm off." I as two peas. Give out that you're going continued. "I suppose I'd better not come and see you again?"

"I'm afraid you mustn't, Jack. You've been here two hours already,"

"I shall be in my rooms in the afternoon. If anything goes wrong, send your more than you can help, and resistance is carriage down the street and have it out of the question. About two, when evstopped at the grocer's. I shall take that erything is quiet, surround the bank. for a sign."

The Signorina agreed, and we parted hurt him, but take him outside and keep tenderly. My last words were : "You'll send that message to Whitting-

ham at once?" "This moment," she said, as she waved

me a kiss from the door of the room.

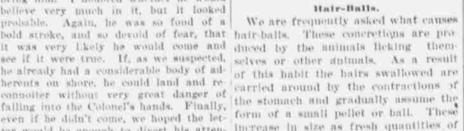
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pose that's coming next?" I was evidently in for another day as unpleasantly exciting as the one I had to get anything out of it, except myself spent before the revolution, and I reflect- and the Signorina. But it wouldn't do ed sadly that if a man once goes in for to tell the Colonel that; he would not bethings of that kind, it's none so easy to lieve in disinterested conduct. So I barpull up. Luckily, however, I had several gained with him for thirty thousand doloccupy me, and was not left to lars, which he promised so readily that I fret the day away in idleness. First I turned my steps to the harbor. As I to pay it. went I examined my pockets and found a sum total of nine hundred and fifty dollars. This was my all, for of late I had deemed it wise to carry my fortune on my person. Well, this was enough for the present; the future must take care of Itself. So I thought to myself as I went along with a light heart, my triumph in love easily outweighing all the troubles and dangers that beset me. Only land me safe out of Aurentaland with the Signorina by my side, and I asked nothing more of fortune ! Let the dead bury their dead, and the bank look after its dollars. Thus musing, I came to the boat house where my launch lay. She was a tidy little boat, and had the advantage of being workable by one man without any difficulty. All I had to arrange was how to embark on her unperceived. 1 sum-

it up, and the C. means to take it tonight. He will have only a few men, the rest not near. He will be at the bank at two, with about twenty men. Take your own measures. All here favor you. He threatens me with violence unless I marry him at once. He watches The Songstress, but if you can leave her at anchor and land in a boat there will be no suspicion. Do not punish me more by disbelieving CHRISTINA. mie.

"P. S .- M. and the C. are on had terms, and M. will not be active against you.'

Those the whole I thought this would bring him. 1 doubted whether he would bolleve very much in it, but it looked



which become, adherent to the surface and runaway lovers. To my mind it is nearly as difficult of the hair-ball. These hair-balls are to be consistently selfish as to be abso- found most frequently in the reticulum lutely unselfish. I had, at this crisis, ev- or second stomach, although sometimes ery inducement to concentrate all my in the runnen. In culves, hair-balls are efforts on myself, but I could not get Jones out of my head. It was certainly improbable that Jones would try to resist he marauding party; but neither the which we can determine the presence 'olonel nor his chosen band was likely to of hair balls, and therefore no treatse scrupalous, and it was impossible not ment can be recommended for such to see that Jones might get a bullet cases. The walls of the reticulum have brough his head; indeed, I fancied such in some cases been found transfixed step would rather commend itself to the with nails or pieces of wire, and yet olonel, as giving a bona file look to the animals during life had not shown W. Lighty in National Stockman, 4 the affair. Jones had often been the cause any symptoms of indigestion, but had heard speaking about the experience 1779-End of siege at Savannah, Ga. of great inconvenience to me, but I didn't died from maladies not involving the they had with it seemed very favor- 1781-Americans and British opened batwish to have his death on my conscience, so I was very glad when I happened to neet him on my way back from the Gold. perat.

en House, and seized the opportunity of giving him a friendly hint.

I took him and sit him down beside me m a bench in the Plazza. I was in no a funnel with four boards 10 inches way disturbed by the curlous glances of long, 12 inches wide at top; 7 inches he three soldiers who were evidently wide at bottom; take four laths I and harged to keep an eye on the bank and, ny dealings with it.

I began by pledging Jones to absolute ecrocy, and then 1 intlinated to him, in roundabout way, that the Colonel and were both very apprehensive of an at tack on the bank,

"The town," said I, "Is in a most unettled condition, and many dangerous characters are about. Under these cirumstances I have felt compelled to leave he defense of our property in the hands of the government. I have formally inimated to the authorities that we shall add them responsible for any loss occationed to us by public disorder. The Colonel, in the name of the government, has accepted that responsibility. I therefore desire to tell you, Mr. Jones, that in he lamentable event of any attack on the bank it will not be expected of you to expose your life by resistance. Such a sacrifice would be both uncalled for and useless; and I must instruct you that the government insists that their measures shall not be put in danger of frustration by any rash conduct on our part. 1 am unable to be at the bank this evening: out in the event of any trouble you will blige me by not attempting to meet force

by force. You will yield, and we shall 2 inches, 31/2 feet long, and fasten on rely on our remedy against the govern funnel for feet, with sufficient slant extreme and impractical, however,ment in case of loss." These instructions so fully agreed with nalls in funnel, 3 inches from bottom,

the natural bent of Jones' mind that he at corners, to hook bag on. For filling them and expressed ly neguiesced in high appreciation of my foresight. "Take care of yourself and Mrs. Jones, my dear fellow," I concluded; "that is shovel.-Farm Progress, all you have to do, and I shall be satis-



Hair-Balls. We are frequently asked what causes

pearance; the other being to crowd them out by growing some crop that will not give the weeds a chance to grow. No system of cultivation will selves or other animals. As a result kill all the words if a crop is desired. -such as corn-for the grass and weeds will only be kept down so long the stomach and gradually assume the as cultivation lasts, especially as corn-form of a small pellet or ball. These is usually "laid by" at a time when ter would be enough to divert his atten- increase in size as fresh quantities of the weeds are producing seeds, thus estion from any thought of fugitive boats hair are introduced into the stomach. tabilishing themselves for the succeeding year. As a test of what supposed clean culture of corn may be, simply cut down a row of stalks and a row of weeds will remain. As a single weed produces thousands of seed, the labor of destroying the weeds must be repeated next season.

Destroying Weeds.

#### Grind the Hay and Stover.

Alfalfa meal is a standard commodity on the feed market, yet I see but 1775- Continental Congress adopted the little in print as to the results of feeding it; but the few dairymen, says La able. A prominent Pennsylvania dairy-

about putting in grinding machinery that will handle the timothy and mixed To construct this bag holder make

crushed condition. Who ever tried this practically? Is there any available inports? I would not like to commit myself, but it seems to me theoretically 1813-Bonaparte defeated at Leipsie. the chewlug chosper with gasoline or

has been amply demonstrated that saves feed.

#### Wonders of Concrete.

You can build concrete foundations, sidewalks, fences, water troughs, cisterns, water tanks, shelves, cesspools; gutters, floors of all kluds in the cellar. barn and stable, steps and stairs, well curbs, horse blocks, stalls, hog pens, troughs, chicken housen, corn cribs, ice houses, incubator cellars, mushroom cellars, bolted frames, bridge abut ments, chimneys, ventilators, rams, windmill foundations, fence posts, clothes posts and hitching posts. There 1871-President Grant suspended writ of is one farm where the post and rail fences and the feed bins are concrete. and in another even the lattice under the house plazza and the laundry stove are made of it. Cases of this kind are

to stand steadily; drive four small Farming.

Value of Weight in Horses. Every hundred pounds additional weight in the case of a heavy draft funnel should be made larger, so corn horse is worth from 25 to 50 cents more per hundredweight when making 1901-Ri-centennial of Yale University a sale. A farmer is in position to feed as cheaply as any professional feeder. To sell well on the nurket horses must be fat, sieck and well groomed. The buyers demand fat. If one has time the moon. to give proper exercise and light work, something may be added to the value of the horse, and it will be ready to go right into the heavy work of a city buyer. A little additional grooming, together with blanketing, for a month will also add a good blt to the selling price.



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1529-Siege of Vienna abandoned by the Turks.

1610-First Duke of Ormonde, chief supporter of the Stuart cause in Ireland, born. Died July 21, 1688.

1622- Peace of Montpeller, ending the Huguenol wars.

1728 City of Copenhagen, Denmark, nearly destroyed by fire.

Pine Tree Flag.

1777-Gen. Gates defented Gen. Burgoyne at Saratuga.

tle at Yorktown, Va-

man a few days ago told me he is 1783-American Congress voted to disband the Revolutionary army on Nov: 2.

hay and reduce them to a fine ground, 1797-Bonaparte and Austrian Emperor concluded treaty of Campo Formio. 1806-Battle of Halle.

formation in the experiment station re- 1812-Second battle of Poliosk ... French military forces abandoned Moscow,

that we could do the rougher part of 1815-Island of Jamaica devastated by a hurrieane.

alcohol power than with cow power. It 1826-Last lattery sanctioned by the English government held.

feeding the cow easily digested feed 1834-Old Houses of Parliament, London, burnesh

1842 Grace Darling died.

Here are some concrete possibilities, 1848-Mormon temple at Nanvoo, Ill., destroyed.

> 1856 - Fatal panie at the Surrey Gardens music hall in London.

1862 - The Confederate, Gen. Morgan, occupled Lexington, Ky.

1863 Departments of the Cumberland and Mississippi consolidated and placed under command of Gen. Grant.

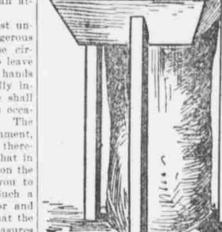
1864 Gen. Sheridan victor at battle of Cedar Creek, Va.

habeas corpus in nine counties of South Carolina.

1874-Marriage of Gen. Frederick D. Grant and Miss Ida M. Homore,

1808-Spanish evacuation of Porto Rico officially completed.

1899-Arthur T. Hadley assumed the presidency of Yale University ... Rev. Dr. W. H. P. Faunce Installed as president of Brown University ... Roers defeated by the British at battle of Dundee Hill, cetebrated. 1902-Lord Kitchener appointed to command the British forces in India ... Typhoon on coast of Japan; 50,000 houses destroyed ... Total collpac of 1903-Cresceus trotted mile in 1:59% ... Alaskan boundary fixed. 1904-President Roosevelt invited powers to second peace conference at The Hague .... President directed Secretary Taft to go to Panama to reassure people of the pacific intentions. of the United States. 1905-President Roosevelt departed from Washington on a tour of the Southern States.



Handy Bag Holder.

moned the boatman in charge and questioned him closely about the probable state of the weather. He confidently assured me it would be fine but dark. "Very well," said I, "I shall go fishing;

start overnight and have a shy at them at sunrise." The man was rather astonished at my

unwonted energy, but of course made no objection.

"What time do you start, sir?" he asked.

"I want her ready by two," said I "Leave her at the end of your jetty, ready for me, She'll be all safe there, won't she?

"Oh, yes, sir, Nobody'll be about, ex cept the sentries, and they won't touch her.

I privately hoped that not even the sentries would be about, but I didn't say so. "Of course, sir, I shall lock the gate.

You've got your key?" "Yes, all right, and here you are-and

much obliged for your trouble. Highly astonished and grateful at re-

ceiving a large tip for no obvious reason (rather a mistake on my part), the man was profuse in promising to make every arrangement for my comfort. Even when I asked for a few cushions, he dissembled his scorn and agreed to put them in. "And mind you don't sit up," I said as

I left him.

"I'm not likely to sit up if I'm not obliged," he answered. "Hope you'll have good sport, sir."

From the harbor I made my way straight to the Golden House. The Coloner was rather surprised to see me again so soon, but when I told him I came on business, he put his occupations on one side and listened to me.

I began with some anxiety, for if he sus ected my good faith all would be lost. However, I was always a good hand at a lie, and the Colonel was not the President.

"I've come about that money question," I said.

"Well, have you come to your senses?" he asked, with his habitual rudeness. "I can't give you the money," I went

"You sit there and tell me that? Do

strongly doubted whether he ever meant "Do you think there's any danger of

Whittingham making an attack while we're engaged on the job?" The Colonel was, in common parlance, getting rather warmer than I liked. It

was necessary to mislead him. "I don't think so," I replied. "He can't possibly have organized much of a party here yet. There's some discontent, no doubt, but not enough for him to rely on.

"There's plenty of discontent," said the Colonel.

"There won't be in a couple of hours." "Why not?"

"Why, because you're going down to the barracks to announce a fresh installment of pay to the troops to-morrow morning-a handsome installment."

"Yes," said he thoughtfully, "that ought to keep them quiet for one night. Fact is, they don't care twopence either for me or Whittingham; and if they think they'll

get more out of me they'll stick to me.' "Of course." I assented. Indeed, it was true enough as long as the President was not on the spot; but I thought privately. that the Colonel did not allow enough for his rival's personal influence and prestige. If he once got face to face with the troopH.

"Yes," the Colonel went on, "Fil do that, and what's more, I'll put the people in good humor by sending down orders for a free social in the Piazza to-night." "Delightfully old-fashioned and bara-

nial," I remarked. "I think it's a good idea. Have a bonfire and make it com-

I don't suppose Whittingham lote. freams of any attempt, but it will make the riot even more plausible.

"At any rate, they'll all be too jolly to make trouble," said he. "Well, that's about all, Isn't it?" said

I. "I shall be off. I've got to write to my directors and ask instructions for the investment of the money."

"You'll live to be hunged, Martin," said the Colonel, with evident admiration. "Not by you, ch, Colonel? Whatever might have happened if I'd been obstinate! Hope I shall survive to dance at your wedding anyhow. Less than a week

now ! "Yes," said he, "next Saturday's the day ?!

He really looked quite the happy bridegroom as he said this, and I left him to ontemplate his bliss.

"I would bet ten to one that day never omes," I thought, as I walked away. 'Even if I don't will I'll back the Presient to be back before that."

'The Colonel's greed had triumphed over his wits, and he had fallen into my snare with greater readiness than I could have The question remained, What loped. would the President do when he got the Signorina's letter? It may conduce to a better understanding of the position if I tell what that letter was. She gave it

me to read over, after we had compiled it together, and I still have my copy. It ran as follows:

you know that if the soldiers don't have "I can hardly hope you will trust me noney in a few hours, they'll upset me? again, but if I betrayed you, you drove I me to it. I have given them your money ; They're ready to do it any minute. don't know now when I give an order it is in the bank now. M. refuses to give

fed.' I parted from him affectionately, wondering if my path in life would ever cross the honest, stupid old fellow's again, and heartily hoping that his fortune would friends of the hog. Both fresh and soon take him out of the rogue's nest in cured meats have been taken in large which he had been dwelling.

(To be continued.)

----PRESERVING THE FORESTS.

Conserving Streams by Means of the Forest Reserves.

The destruction of our forests has been going on at so great a rate as to alarm the public mind and prepare the people to accept some remedy, says Outing.

The interests of irrigation and naviration have called attention to the necessity of preserving the sources of our water course by retaining or restorng the forests from which they flow. Fortunately many millions of acres of wooded lands are still held by the likely to fail in the future .- National national government, and about \$5,000, Stockman. 000 acres of these hands have been set

part in eighty-three permanent national forest reserves. The primary purpose of these reservations is to conserve the streams and provide means of irrigation and also, in some degree, try boys often think it "smart" to to influence the rainfail. They are well hitch up a green colt and drive to town scattered in the far west and are generally upon land which is of little value brave, but it is really senseless. A for agricultural uses.

They are reserved for the use of man and not reserved from his use. The riponed trees will be cut as they may se needed. There has been much local opposition to many of these reservations, but time and observation have greatly changed the local sentiment. The experimental stage has passed and they can therefore be accepted as an established fact, and the question naturally arises as to what extent they may be utilized for the preservation of the remains of our birds, fish and game the future usefulness of the animal is and be used as sources of propagation and supply. At least a portion of these lands should be so used. The writer of this article has for many years endeavored to secure legislation to this end. Wyoming has shown her sympathy with ing the winter, after being given an the movement by declaring a permanently closed season in that part of the dication that the quarters are cold or forest reserve adjacent to the Yellow- that they require some kind of succustone National park.

### Asked and Answered.

you hang clothes on?" said Dumley, who was trying to think of "clothestree."

"What things?" asked Jiggins. "Why, they have arms that stick out like this and-----'

"Oh, dudes !"-Philadelphia Ledger.

corn in ear in phosphate sacks, the could be readily shoveled in with grain

#### Big Demand for Pork.

EAG HOLDER.

The demand for pork this year has astonished even the most sanguing volume right along at prices which were so high that they were expected to check consumption. There are three reasons why this condition has existed and still exists. First is the prosperity of the South, a large consumer of

cured meats. The Southern trade was never larger than it is to-day. Next is the growing foreign trade, which like our own, seems to proceed regardless of prices. And, finally, the people of this country have learned to eat bacon. Its consumption is unprecedented in our history, and is still grow-

ing. There has been no shortage in numbers of hogs, but a vastly increased demand. This is why prophecies based on hog supplies have failed and are

It is so easy to ruin a young horse or let him lose his life that it is a wonder people are not more careful. Counthe first trip. It looks dashing and frightened young animal threw itself on a paved street of a town the first time it was taken there and broke its leg. It was bewildered by the noise and crowds and had never felt the touch of harness before. Don't go off on Sunday afternoon knowing that your sons and all the boys in the seighborhood will hitch up the colt. A aoisy, yelling crowd is enough to scare a steady horse, and a young one will try to jump out of its skin when sur-

it stake .--- Richardson, in National Stockman.

#### Cows in Winter.

If cows begin to fall off in milk durabundance of grain and hay, it is an inlent food. Where enslinge is used, it serves as green food, but on farms "Oh, what do you call those things where no slio is filled the food may be varied by allowing sliced carrots or turnips, though the best results can be secured by first cooking the turnips and thickening the mess with bran. When

### Packing and Storing Apples.

begin with one apple all the others

#### Handling the Young Horse.

form. rounded by a lot of youngsters eager

fed warm the cow will relish the mess especially milch cows. As a rule, good highly, and the change of food will im- farmers raise far more weight of oats prove the appetite.

The apples that are to be kept over winter must be carefully picked from the trees by hand, as every apple that falls to the ground will be bruised and rendered unfit for the barrel, any in- Fortunes Being Made in Transformjury hastening decay. Should decay

ples should be as uniform as possible. and sent to the market in an attractive

Profit in Small Fruit.

Ten acres of small fruits will often make a man more truly prosperous or corn. He may not be worth as much in fruits, dairy, vegetables, etc., is almost always the most satisfactory. The a farm is a level head and knowledge for 29 cents an acre. of the business.

Pasturing Clover. Clover is injured when cattle are

permitted on the field when the land is very wet. There is a temptation to allow cows to use the clover fields some, but any gain by so doing is always at the expense of loss in some other manner. Cattle do much harm by tramping; for which reason not even the pasture should be used until

# Oats for Cattle.

Ton for ton, many farmers are finding out that unthreshed cats, cut when are occupied by land agents. the grain is in the rather soft dough (milky) state, and cut fine with a stalk cutter, are better than meadow hay-cut equally fine-to feed cattle to the acre than of hay.

## RANCHES BECOME CITIES.

# ing Texas Panhandle.

The western land fever which some years ago attacked Oklahoma and then in the barrel are also Hable to become shifted to Canada, is now raging virulentdiseased. Apples must be stored in by in Texas. In the last two years praca cool place, but should not freeze, tically all the big ranches in the Texas It is the alternate changing of temper- Panhandle have been bought by land comature that damages them in storage, panies. These have arranged with the Clean barrels should be used, the ap- railroads to run excursion trains from as far east as Indianapolis at half fare, Their eastern agents gather up the farmers who will come, and these are all bunched at Kansas City, Wichita or El

Reno, and there westerners who know the land thoroughly and can talk a mummy into a purchase take charge.

Amarillo, Texas, is the center of the than ten times as much land in wheat big land boom. Two years ago it was a cattle shipping point, the center of the In actual capital invested, but he will gigantic LX ranch, with several hunbe getting a larger net income, and dred inhabitants. To day it has 8,000, doing it with less severe toil. The and nightly people have to sleep on the small farm well tilled, whether it he streets for lack of accommodations. The old ranch was 27 miles wide and 60 long, and was all under fence. There were 1.200 sections, or nearly 770,000 acres. principal capital needed to start such The company bought the land originally

The land boom in the Panhandle be gan when the company that owned the ranch divided it up into sections and began offering it at from \$1,500 to \$2,500 a section. A fourth of the land is yet unsold, but the company has gathered in six millions for the land disposed of. Its sale value is now from \$10 to \$20 an acre. There are other big ranches in the Panhandle, out in the Big Pasture, as they call it. These are all being cut up and offered to the hungry land seekers. There'll be a lot of dead towns in the the grass has made considerable growth. Panhandle when the bottom drops out of Close grazing should never be allowed, this boom, as it will; but while it lasts the folks are having a good time. Men who had nothing a few years ago are rich

now. Two-thirds of the business blocks

## Boston's Novel Fire Wagon.

The city of Boston has just installed in its fire-fighting service a motor-driven chemical wagon. This has the advantage of being started instantly with a single turn of a crank, and its speed will be double that of horse-drawn wagons.