of a man who was himself threatened. The dictator shivered slightly, and If Mr. Rolles was afraid of him, it ap- when he spoke his voice was hourse. peared that he in his turn was not quite easy on the score of Mr. Rolles. He had come, it would seem, to make sure monds," replied Mr. Rolles, with an air that his only fellow traveler was asleep. of perfect self possession. "Two conand, when satisfied on that point, he noisseurs should be acquainted. and at once withdrawn.

The clergyman leaped to his feet. The extreme of terror had given place tion. to a reaction of foolbardy daring. He | And, so saying, he quietly took the reflected that the rattle of the flying case from his pocket, showed the train concealed all other sounds and rajah's diamond to the dictator for an determined, come what might, to re-turn the visit he had just received. Divesting himself of his cloak, which ed. dom of his action, he entered the lava- | him with a look of almost painful tory and paused to listen. As he had amazement, but he neither spoke not expected, there was nothing to be heard moved. above the roar of the train's progress, and, laying his hand on the door at the the young man, "that we have gens farther side, he proceeded cautiously to from the same collection." draw it back for about six inches. Then he stopped and could not contain an ejaculation of surprise.

John Vandelcur wore a fur traveling cap with inppets to protect his ears, and this may have combined with the sound of the express to keep him to ignorance of what was going forward. It is certain, at least, that he did not raise his head, but continued without interruption to pursue his strange empioyment. Between his feet stood an open hatbox. In one hand he held the sleeve of his sealskin greatcoat, in the other a formidable knife, with which he had just slit up the lining of the sleeve. Mr. Rolles had read of persons carrying money in a belt, and, as he had no acquaintance with any but cricket belts, he had never been able rightly to conceive how this was managed. But here was a stranger thing before his eyes, for John Vandeleur, it appeared, carried diamonds in the lining of his sleeve, and even as the young clergyman gazed he could see one glittering brilliant drop after another into the batbox.

He stood riveted to the spot, following this unusual business with his eyes. The diamonds were, for the most part small and not easily distinguishable either in shape or fire. Suddenly the dictator appeared to find a difficulty. He employed both hands and stooped over his task, but it was not until after considerable maneuvering that he ex triented a large tiara of diamonds from the lining and held it up for some sec onds' examination before he placed it with the others in the hatbox. The tlara was a ray of light to Mr. Rolles. He immediately recognized it for a part of the treasure stolen from Harry Hartley by the loiterer. There was no room for mistake; it was exactly as the detective had described it. There were the ruby stars, with a great emerald in the center; there were the interlacing crescents, and there were the pear

"What do you want here?" he asked "I take a porticular interest in dia-

have here a triffe of my own which may perhaps serve for an introduc-

instant and replaced it in security. "It was once your brother's," he add-

have interfered with the free- John Vandeleur continued to regard

"I was pleased to observe," resumed The dictator's surprise overpowered

"I beg your pardou," he said. "I begi to perceive that I am growing old, and I am positively not prepared for little ineldents like this. But set my mind at rest upon one point: Do my eyes deceive me, or are you indeed a purson?"
"I am in holy orders," answered Mr. Rolles.

"Well," cried the other, "as long as i live I will never hear another word against the cloth!"

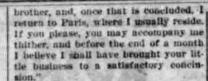
"You flatter me," sald Mr. Rolles. "Pardon me," replied Vandeleur "pardon me, young man. You are no coward, but it still remains to be seen whether you are not the worst of fools. Perhaps," he continued, leaning back upon his seat - "perhaps you would must suppose you had some object in the stupefying impudence of your proceedings, and I confess I have a curlosity to know it."

"It is very simple," replied the clergyman. "It proceeds from my great inexperience of life."

"I shall be glad to be persuaded," answered Vandeleur. Whereupon Mr. Refles told him tee whole story of his connection with the rajah's diamond from the time he found it in Raeburn's garden to the time when he left London in the Figing of his feelings and thoughts during the

journey and concluded in these words: "When I recognized the tiara, I knew we were in the same attitude toward society, and this inspired me with a hope, which, I trust, you will say we not ill founded, that you might become In some sense my partner in the difficulties and, of course, the profits of my situation. To one of your special knowledge and obviously great experience the pegotiation of the diamond would give but little trouble, while to me it

was a matter of impossibility. On the shaped pendants, each a single stone, other part, I judged that I might lose



At this point, contrary to all the ennous of his art, our Arabian author breaks off the "Story of the Young Man In Holy Orders," I regret and condemn such practices, but I must follow my original and refer the reader for the conclusion of Mr. Rolles' adventures to the next number of the eycle, the "Story of the House With the Green Blinds.

The RAJAH'S DIAMOND

PART III

Story of the House With the Green Blinds



ANCIS SCRYMGEOUR, a clerk in the Bank of Scotland at Edinburgh, had attained the age of twenty-five in a sphere of quiet, creditable and domestic life. His moth-

er died while he was young, but his father, a man of sense and probity, had him an excellent education at school and brought him up at home to orderly and frugal habits. Francis, who was of a docile and affectionate disposition, profited by these advan-tages with zeal and devoted himself heart and soul to his employment. A walk upon Saturday afternoon, an oc casional dinner with members of his family and a yearly tour of a fortnight in the highlands or even on the con tinent of Europe were his principal distractions, and he grew rapidly in favor with his superiors and enjoyed already a salary of nearly £200 n year, with the prospect of an ultimate advance to al-most double that amount. Few young men were more contented, few more willing and laborious than Francis Servingeour. Sometimes at night, when he had read the daily paper, he would oblige me with a few particulars. 1 play upon the flute to amuse his father whose qualities he entertained great respect.

One day he received a note from r well known firm of writers to the aignet requesting the favor of an immediate interview with him. The letter was marked "Private and Confi deptial" and had been addressed to him at the bank instead of at home, two unusual circumstances which made him obey the summons with the more abscrity. The senior member of the firm, a man of much austerity of manner, made him gravely welcome Scotchman. He added a brief sketch zequested him to take a sent and pro reeded to explain the matter in hand in the picked expressions of a veteran man of business. A person, who must remain nameless, but of whom the lawyer had every reason to think well a man, in short, of some station in the country-desired to make Francis an annual allowance of £500. The capital was to be placed under the control of the lawyer's firm and two trustees, who must also remain anonymous There were conditions annexed to this liberality, but he was of opinion that his new client would find nothing el ther excessive or dishonorable in the terms, and he repeated these two words with emphasis, as though he desired to commit himself to nothing

"The conditions," said the writer to the signet, "are, as I have twice remarked, neither dishonorable nor excessive. At the same time I cannot conceal from you that they are unusual. Indeed the whole case is very much out of our way, and I should certainly have refused it had it not been for the reputation of the gentleman who intrusted it to my care and, let me add, Mr. Scrymgeour, the interest I have been led to take in yourself by many complimentary and, I have no doubt, well deserved reports." Francis entreated bim to be

specific. "You cannot picture my uneasiness as to these conditions," he said.

"They are two," replied the lawyer, only two, and the sum, as you will remember, is £500 a year, and unburdened, I forgot to add, unburdened." And the lawyer raised his eyebrows at him with solemn gusto.

"The first," he resumed, "is of remarkable simplicity. You must be in Paris by the afternoon of Sunday, the 15th. There you will find, at the box office of the Comedie Francaise, a ticket for admission taken in your name and waiting you. You are requested to sit out the whole performance in the seat provided, and that is all."

"I should certainly have preferred a weekday," replied Francis, "But, aft-

or all, once in a way"-"And in Paris, my dear sir," added the lawyer soothingly. "I believe I am something of a precisian myself, but upon such a consideration, and in Par-I should not hesitate an instant." And the pair laughed pleasantly to-

"The other is of more importance," continued the writer to the signet. "It regards your marriage. My client, taking a deep interest in your welfare, desires to advise you absolutely in the choice of a wife-absolutely, you under

stand," he repeated, "Let us be more explicit, if you please," returned Francis. "Am I to marry any one, maid or widow, black er white, whom this invisible person

thooses to propose?" "I was to assure you that sulfability of age and position should be a principle with your benefactor," replied the lawyer. "As to race, I confess the difficulty had not occurred to me, and I failed to inquire, but, if you like, I will make a note of it at once and advise you on the earliest opportunity."

"Sir," said Francis, "it remains to be seen whether this whole affair is not a most suworthy fraude. The circumstances are inexplicable. I had almost said incredible and until I see a fittle tive I confess I should be very sorry to put a hand for the transaction. I appeal to you in this difficulty for inforbong interval but it sufficed for Mr. Hents than you imagine, and, thought put a limb to you do this difficulty for information. I must learn what is at the life declifed on a course of action of a liberty to under the world. I have encountered a number of rognes in the world. I must learn what is at the network of action of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information. I must learn what is at the network of a liberty to information in the network of a liberty in the network of a lib

root of this apparently unnature busi-"My father" eried Francis in ex-

of his fortune." the lawyer. "I do not refer to Mr. Seryingeour, Sr., for he is not your bear the voice of his father, and, mak-father. When he and his wife came to lag a wide circuit, he noiselessly took Edinburgh, you were already nearly his place behind the couple in question one year old, and you had not yet been three months in their care. The secret

has been well kept, but such is the Your father is unknown, and I say again that I believe him to be the original of the offers I am at present charged to transmit to you."

It would be impossible to exaggerate the astonishment of Francis Serym geour at this unexpected information. He pleaded this confusion to the inw-

"Sir," said be, "after a piece of new so startling you must grant me some hours for thought. You shall know this evening what conclusion I have

The lawyer commended his prudence,

and Francis, excusing bimself upon some pretext at the bank, took a long walk into the country and fully considered the different steps and aspects of the case. A pleasant sense of his own importance rendered blm the more deliberate, but the Issue was from the

Your father sind no one else, is at the the world, for on the outer boulevard he saw two men in earnest colloquy upon a sent. One was dark, young and handsome, secularly dressed, but with treme disdain, "Worthy man, I know an indelible clerical stamp. The other very thought of his mind, every penny answered in every particular to the his fortune."
"You misinterpret my words." said Francis felt his heart bent high in his bosom. He knew he was now about to who were too much interested in their talk to observe much else. As Francis had expected, the conversation was conducted in the English language.

"Your suspicions begin to annoy me Rolles," said the old man. "I tell you I um doing my utmost. A man cannot lay his hand on millions in a moment Have I not taken you up, a mere stran ger, out of pure good will? Are you not living largely on my bounty?" "On your advances, Mr. Vandeleur,

corrected the other. "Advances, if you choose, and inter est instead of good will, if you prefer it," returned Vandeleur augrily. "I am not have to pick expressions. Business is business, and your business, let me remind you, is too muddy for such airs Trust me or leave me alone and find one else, but let us have an end,

for God's sake, of your Jeremlads." "I am beginning to learn the world," replied the other, "and I see that you have every reason to play me talse and



HE NOISELESSLY TOOK HIS PLACE BEHIND THE COUPLE.

to the name of Serymgeour, which he erests of his former life, and when diamond hunter, for sooth, once his mind was fairly made up be and freedom and nourished himself with the gayest anticipations.

He said but a word to the lawyer and immediately received a check for two quarters' arrears, for the allowance was antedated from the 1st of January. With this in his pocket he walked home. The flat in Scotland street looked mean in his eyes; his nostrils, for the first time, rebelled against the odor of broth, and he observed little defects of manner in his adoptive father which filled him with surprise and almost with disgust. The next day, he determined, should see him on his way to Paris.

In that city, where he arrived long before the appointed date, he put up at a modest hotel frequented by English and Italians and devoted himself to improvement in the French tongue. For this purpose he had a master twice a week, entered into conversation with olterers in the Champs Elysees and nightly frequented the theater. He had his whole tollet fashionably renewed and was shaved and had his hair dress ed every morning by a barber in neighboring street. This gave him some thing of a foreign air and seemed to wipe off the reproach of his past years.

At length, on the Saturday afternoon, he betook himself to the box office of the theater in the Rue Richelieu. No sooner had he mentioned his name than the cierk produced the order in an envelope of which the address was scarce ly dry.

"It has been taken this moment," said the clerk. "Indeed!" said Francis. "May I ask

what the gentleman was like?" "Your friend is easy to describe," replied the official. "He is old and strong and beautiful, with white hair and a saber cut across his face. You cannot fall to recognize so marked a person." "No. Indeed." returned Francis, "and

I thank you for your politeness." "He cannot yet be far distant." add ed the clerk. "If you make baste, you might still overtake him."

Francis did not walt to be twice fold. He ran precipitately from the theater into the middle of the street and looked in all directions. More than one white haired man was within sight; but, though he overtook each of them in succession, all wanted the saber cut. For nearly half an hour he tried one screet after another in the neighbory with him to whom he could not doubt e owed the day had profoundly moved? the young man.

first not doubtful. His whole carnal not one to deal honestly. I am not here man leaned bresistibly toward the £500 to pick expressions either. You wish a year and the strange conditions with the diamond for yourself. You know which it was burdened. He discovered you do you dare not deny it. Have In his heart an invincible repugnance you not already forged my name and searched my lodging in my absence. had never hitherto disliked; he began I understand the cause of your delays. to despise the parrow and unromantic You are lying in wait. You are the or later, by fair means or foul, you'll walked with a new feeling of strength lay your hands upon it. I tell you it must stop. Push me much farther, and I promise you a surprise,"

"It does not become you to us threats," returned Vandeleur. can play at that. My brother is here in Paris, the police are on the alert, and if you persist in wenrying me with your caterwauling I will arrange a little astonishment for you, Mr. Rolles. But mine shall be once and for all. Do you understand, or would you prefer me to tell it you in Hebrew? There is an end to all things, and you have come to the end of my patience. Tuesday, at 7, not a day, not an hour, sooner, not the least part of a second, if it were to save your life. And if you do not choose to walt, you may go to the bottomicss pit for me and welcome." And so saying the dictator area

from the bench and marched off in the direction of Montmarte, shaking his head and swinging his cane with a most furious air, while his companion remained where he was in an attitude of great dejection.

Francis was at the pitch of surprise and horror. His sentiments had been shocked to the last degree. The hopeful tenderness with which he had taken his place upon the bench was trans formed into repulsion and despair. Old Mr. Seryingcour, he reflected, was a far more kindly and creditable parent than this damperous and violent intriguer. But he retained his presence of mind and suffered not a moment to clarese before he was on the trail of the dictator.

That gentleman's fury carried him forward at a brisk pace, and he was so completely occupied in his angry thoughts that he never so much as cast a look behind him till he reached his

His house stood high up in the Rue Lepic, commanding a view of all Parts and enjoying the pore air of heights. It was two stories high, with green blinds and shutters, and all the windows looking on the street were hermetically closed. Tops of trees showed over the high garden wall, and the wall was protected by chevaux de The dictator paused a moment frise. while he searched his pocket for a key and the opening the gate disappeared within the inclosure.

Francis looked about him . The neighborhood was very lonely, the house Perfected in the garden. It seemed hood notil at length, recognizing the rise of new-observation must here come door pre-cuting a gable to the garden and in this gable a single window. He present to the front and saw a ticket offering unformabed loogings by the . "Sir," said the man, "they are imhe felt he was setting his life upon the hazard, he was the first to break silence.

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took the room, paid an advance upon INTERESTING seek his baggage.

The old man with the saber cut MACTS might or he might not be upon the true scent, but he was certainly on the edge of an exciting mystery, and he promised himself that he would not relax his observation until he had got to the bottom of the secret.

From the window of his new apartment Francis Seryingeour commanded a complete view into the garden of the house with the green blinds. Immediately below him a very comely chestnut with wide boughs sheltered a pair of rustic tables where people might dine in the height of summer. On all sides save one a dense vegetation concealed the soil, but there, between the tables and the house, he saw a patch of gravel walk leading from the veranda to the garden gate. Studying the place from between the boards of the venetian shutters, which he durst not open for fear of attracting attention, Francis observed but little to indicate the manners of the inhabitants, and that little argued no more than a close reserve and a taste for solltude. The garden was conventual, the bouse had the air of a prison. The green blinds were all drawn down upon the outside; the door into the veranda was closed; the garden, as far as he could see it, was left entirely to itself in the evening sunbine. A modest curl of smoke from a single chimaey alone testified to the presence of living people.

In order that he might not be entirely idle and to give a certain color to his way of life Francis had purchased Euclid's Geometry in French, which he set himself to copy and translate on the top of his portmantenu and seated on the floor against the wall for he was equally without a chair or table. From time to time he would rise and cast a glance into the inclosure of the house with the green blinds, but the windows remained obstinately closed and the

Only late in the evening did anything occur to reward his continual attention. Between 9 and 10 the sharp tinkle of a bell aroused him from a fit of dozing, and he sprang to his observatory in time to hear an important noise of locks being opened and bars removed and to see Mr. Vandeleur, carrying a lantern and clothed in a flowing robe of black velvet with a skullcap to match, issue from under the veranda and proceed leisurely toward the garden gate.

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Half an hour afterward the visitor

was reconducted to the street, and Mr. Vandeleur, setting his light upon one of the rustic tables, finished a cigar with great deliberation under the follage of the chestnut. Francis, peering through a clear space among the leaves, was able to follow his gestures as he threw away the ash or enjoyed a copious inhalation and beheld a cloud upon the old man a prower hat a forcible action of the lips, w...ch testified to some deep and probably painful train of thought. The cigar was already almost at an end when the voice of young girl was beard suddenly crying the hour from the interior of the house "In a moment," replied John Vande leur.

And with that he threw away the stump and, taking up the lantern, sailed away under the veranda for the ulght. As soon as the door was closed absolute darkness fell upon the house Francis might try his eyesight as much as he pleased, he could not detect so much as a single chink of light below a blind, and he concluded, with great, good sense, that the bedchambers were all upon the other side.

Early the next morning (for he was early awake after an uncomfortable night upon the floor) he saw cause to adopt a different explanation. blinds rose, one after another, by means of a spring in the interior and disclosed steel shutters such as we see on the front of shops. These in their turu were rolled up by a similar contrivance, and for the space of about an hour the chambers were left open to the morning air. At the end of that time Mr. Van deleur with his own hand once more closed the shutters and replaced the bilods from within.

While Francis was still marveling at these precautions the door opened and a young girl came forth to look about her in the garden. It was not two minutes before she re-entered the house but even in that short time he saw enough to convince him that she possessed the most unusual attractions His curjosity was not only highly excited by this incident, but his spirits were improved to a still more notable degree. The alarming manners and more than equivocal life of his father ceased from that moment to prey upon his mind. From that moment he em braced his new family with ardor, and, whether the young lady should prove his sister or his wife, he felt convinced she was an angel in disguise. So much was this the case that he was seized with a sudden horror when he reflected how little he really knew and how pos sible it was that be had followed the wrong person when he followed Mr. Vandeleur.

The porter, whom he consulted, could afford him little information, but, such as it was, it had a mysterious and questionable sound. The person next door was an English gentleman of extraordinary wealth and proportionately eccentric in his tastes and habits. He possessed great collections, which he kept in the house beside him, and it was to protect these that he had fitted the place with steel shutters, elaborate fastenings and chevaux de frise along the garden wall. He lived much alone in spite of some strange visitors with whom it seemed he had business to transact, and there was no one else in the house except mademoiselle and anold woman servent.

"Is mademoiselle his daughter?" inquired Francis.

"Certainly," replied the porter. "Mademoiselle is the daughter of the house, and strange it is to see how she is made

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"Suppose not," returned Francis. You must surely have some notion. what these famous galleries contain. Is it pictures, silks, statues, jewels or what?

"My faith, sir," said the fellow, with shrug, "it might be carrots, and still I could not tell you. How should I know? The house is kept like a garriion, as you perceive."

And there as Francis was returning disappointed to his room the porter called him back.

"I have just remembered, sir," said he. "M. de Vandeleur has been in all parts of the world, and I once heard the old woman declare that he had brought many diamonds back with him. If that be the truth, there must be a fine show behind those shutters."

By an early hour on Sunday Francis was in his place at the theater. The seat which had been taken for him was only two or three numbers from the left hand side and directly opposite one of the lower boxes. As the seat had been specially chosen there was doubtess something to be learned from its position, and he judged by an instinct that the box upon the right was, in some way or other, to be connected with the drama in which he ignorantly played a part. Indeed it was so situ ated that its occupants could safely observe him from beginning to end of the piece, if they were so minded, while, profiting by the depth, they could screen themselves sufficiently well from any counter examination on his side. He promised himself not to leave it for a moment out of sight, and while he scanned the rest of the theater or made a show of attending to the business of the stage he always kept a corner of an eye upon the empty box.

The second act had been some time In progress and was even drawing to ward a close when the door opened and two persons entered and enseanced themselves in the darkest of the shade Francis could hardly control his emotion. It was Mr. Vandeleur and bis daughter. The blood came and went in his arteries and veins with stunning activity; his ears sung; his head turned He dared not look lest he should awake suspicion. His playbill, which he kept reading from end to end and over again, turned from white to red before his eyes, and when he cast a glance upon the stage it seemed incalculably far away, and he found the voices and gestures of the actors to the last de-

gree impertment and absurd. To be Continued.

HE EXTRICATED A LARGE TIARA OF DIAMONDS FROM THE LINING. which gave a special value to Lady nearly as much by cutting the diamond. and that not improbably with an un Vandeleur's tiara. Mr. Rolles was bugely relieved. The skillful hand, as might chable me to pay you with proper generosity for your dictator was as deeply in the affair as he was. Neither could tell tales upon one to broach, and perhans I fell short the other. In the first glow of happiin delicacy, But I must ask you to ness the elergyman suffered a deep remember that for me the situation sigh to escape him, and, as his bosom was a new one, and I was entirely unhad become choked and his throat dry accomplished with the eliquette in use. floring his previous suspense, the sigh A believe without vanity that I could was followed by a cough. " have married or haptized you in a very Mr. Vandeleur looked up. His face receptable manner, but every man he contracted with the blackest and most his own aptitudes, and this sort of bar-

dendly polson, his eyes opened widely and his under jaw dropped in an as- gain was not among the list of my accomplishments." touishment that was upon the brink of fury. By an instinctive movement in a "I do not wish to flatter you," replied had covered the bathor with the coat. Yandeleur, "hut, upon my word, you had a minute the two men stared bave an onisual disposition for a life tipon each other in affence. It was not of crime. You have more accomplish-a long interval, but it sufficed for Mr. ments than you imagine, and, though