The Pirate of lastair RUPERT SARGENT HOLLAND

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CHAPTER IV.

I happened to be sitting in my den, writing, the following afternoon, glancing out of the big window that looks up the beach, I caught sight of a woman see the army of pines silhoutted against walking near the water. I picked up my the dropping fire. binoculars and focussed them on her. It proved to be Miss Graham, dressed in a riding-habit, and with a broad felt hat men, see the banners in the rear!" on her head. She was walking in a somewhat aimless fashion, shirting the waves as though she were playing with them. I saw her glance once at the Ship

and once in the direction of my I put down the glasses and laid my papers aside. When I went down-stairs routed Charles out of a sound sleep in the kitchen.

"Do you remember how to make teagood tea?" I asked him. Yes, Mr. Felix. Aren't you feeling

"Quite well. Please make some that shall be ready to serve in about an hour, and get out a box of those salty biscuits. Set the small table in the din chairs, and be ready to serve a lady and myself."

surprise, though he had never received such an order since we had been at Alastnir.

picked up a cap, and left the house, As I did so I noticed that Miss Graham had stopped walking and was gathering Half way to her, and she was still phaorbed in the shells, which are quite unusually beautiful here; three-quarters of the way, and she was still playing with them. I had almost reached pitality." her, and was raising my cap to speak, before she turned and saw me. A flush of surprise rose to her cheeks.

"Good afternoon." "Good afternoon, Mr. Hermit, Am I ponching an your preserves?

Not in the least . I make you free

There was a light in her blue eyes which I discovered that I remembered, but a found her riding-habit new and wonderfully prepossessing . I was taking atock of it when she interrupted me, "I left my horse tied back in

habit before?"

"Yes. I beg your pardon, but it's so very becoming.

Again the quick flush, and an lustant's look at the sand. Then she laughed and shook her riding-crop playfully at me.

"Beware, Mr. Hermit, Any man might eay a thing like that, but I expect other things from you. That's one of the pen alties of your position; you must be different. I look for the flavor of romance and adventure at Alastair." She laughed at my puzzled face. "Shall I go back

"No. I will try to remember. Did you come to see the supset from the cliff?" "Yes. My aunt has a headache and has stayed in bed all day. I bribed our waiter to save me a little supper and

my room at 8 o'clock, so, free of the club and din-I'm free of the club and She spoke impulsively, as I immany things, and glanced at me whimsically to see of what was thinking. She had some of the I was thinking could playing trush from school. "I do hate stupid convenfrom school. tions, such as chaperons," she added, "especially in summer.

We walked past my cottage, which Miss Graham tooked at with much curlcelty, asking me a bundred questions about it—how I had discovered it, why about it—how I had discovered it, why later had the satisfaction of hearing Miss I had bought it, how it was fushioned in- Graham say that the brew was delicious. side, and how I did my marketing. I told her I had the same butcher they had at the club,

"Oh!" she said. "I half hoped you lived by hunting and fishing, but I suppose you'd rather indulge in ocasional beefsteaks."

"I'd rather live that way," said I, "be Charles, my man, wouldn't like that. He has a very cultivated palate."

When we came to the top of the cliff I felt like another Balbon discovering the me at all; why, you hardly know me at all; why, you haven't even met to the river, the sloping away of the dunes to the low, level fields of meadowgrass, and the distant background of the Here and there the fields dotted with beach marshmallow, windfalls delicately pink; along the sedgy banks grew clumps of ent-tails, their brown penmons stiff like so much bronze. At a little landing-stage, where the river hadhollowed out a harbor in the bank, rode my cat-boat, the sail tightly furled, the mast rocking gently with the tide. As we looked a flock of sand-snipe rose from the tall rank grames beyond the river and spread themselves like a sail against the estern sky. Nature never looked so absolutely peaceful.

I said: a heron, red-legged, white-bodied, rose from the sedges and flapped his way up the stream, He called

to his mate, a low, plaintive cry.
"It is beautiful," said the girl,
don't wonder that you love it."

ing, the pinks turning to reds, to oranges, wreathing his face, to brilliant, blazing golds. Again it "Well, well, well," he remarked, ad-shifted and softened; red and yellow vancing. "What a charming idyl! Real-ington Star.

were saffron, erange the color of coral Yet again, and the whole west was gold when on with a purple border, and then as the looks purple gained and the gold sank we could

> "They come, the armies come?" I cried "See the spears, see the crested horse-

I turned and her eyes were shining exulting in the beauty of the scene. Then we were silent for a time, until the blaze had softened and the battle dropped to a harmonious peace

I found a seat for her, and stretched myself beside it.

"Tell me what you think," she said-"the stories you make up when you come here night after night."

I had known how that view of the set quiets, yet I was surprised to find her so still and calm. It seemed as though we had known each other for some I have romanced to myself idly from that eliff when the yellow light lies over the sea and the river and the pines, and Ing-room out in front of the door, with I drew upon my memory only to find it two chairs, and be ready to serve a lady well stocked. Moreover, I learned much of the river people, of the birds that live "Yes, Mr. Felly." Charles showed no in the marsh and of the animals of the woods. I had watched the purple grackle build his nest and the blue jay forage for his offspring when the summer was young, and I knew many a story of the ea-gulls. Miss Graham was a flattering listener, her lips slightly parted, her eyes alight with interest,

"You must be hungry," I said at last, "lunch at noon, no supper until 8. I should like to offer you my cottage's hos-

I was looking for the flush that I knew would come, and was not disap-

"Thank you," she answered, "but, you -what would people think if they looked in your dining-room window and saw me taking tea alone with you?"

"People don't look in my dining room I answered. She shook her head so decisively that knew she meant it.

"At least, we will have a cup of tex on the beach," I said, "out of doors—oh, a dozen yards from the cottage, where Haven't you ever seen a riding- all the world may see us if they choose "Splendid!" she cried, and, jumping up,

led the way down from the heights. On the smooth sand some from my door Charles had placed the littie table. Two chairs faced each other : plates, napkins, and a center-piece ach-marshmallows were the deand my man, as straight and rigid as an Egyptian idol, stood a short distance off. Miss Graham gave a little cry of pleas-

"It's like the Arabian Nights!" she ex-"The whole thing seems have sprang out of the sand." I seated her at the table.

"You may serve the tea, Charles," I

He brought forth the tea-pot, and was bout to pour the tea into our cups when Miss Graham expostulated. "It's the woman's place to do that!" she exclaimed, and Charles surrendered the tea-pot "How many lumps of sugar?"

asked, with the delicate supercrity of a hostess to a guest. Two.

"Will you have lemon or cream?" There were both; I thanked my stars that Charles was so thoughtful. "Lemon."

I received my tea-cup and a pro-"And such pretty cups! I don't believe you're a bit of a hermit, but a very pam-

pered old syburite." "We use these only on state occasions, for our honored guests," I explained.
"But I don't feel as if this were a state accusion," she answered. "It seems quite as though we'd been doing this all sum

"I wish we had," I said, quickly. "I mean, it seems so usual," she said, "And yet, in reality, you hardly know Aunt Elizabeth vet.

"No, that's true," I agreed. "But then, on the other hand, you don't know such a very great deal about me,"

"It's the very fact that we know so little about each other in the usual ways, and so much in other ways," Miss Gra ham attempted to explain, "that makes We're both so much interested in the Ship and its history, you know."

me that I was to tell you all about the Ship some time." "Yes." She looked off to where the

boat lay shinging like mahogany in the yellow afterglow. "But don't you think we'd better wait until we're on board again. The smell of tar and the feel of the wood will make it so much more real."

"Then, you'll come-" I began, and stopped, for Miss Graham was looking "Look," I said: the sun's kaleidoscope past me at the door of my house. I changing, the pale yellows deepen- turned to see Islip there, a broad smile

ly. I had no idea when I came in at the back door that I should find such a pretty picture awaiting me in front." He howed to Miss Gruham. "Where is the horse, Barbara, that goes with your habit?"

"I left him in the woods. He's used to standing," She turned to me, "Mr. Selden, have you met Mr. Islip?"
"Yesterday," I answered. "He lunched

"Yes," put in Talip; "and he gave m as good a lunch as he's giving you tea. Really, Selden, you're not living up to rour reputation as a recluse." He paused. ooking from Miss Graham to me. hate an interloper, but I'm afraid that's the part assigned me. When you didn't appear at dinner, and couldn't be found, I volunteered to hunt. I was getting quite worried over the disappearance. Your Aunt Elizabeth—" Your Aunt Elizabeth-"Is ill in bed with a headache," said

Miss Graham, "Quite so; so we didn't like to tell her.

took all the responsibility on myself." I may have looked somewhat sharply at Islip at these words, for when I turned to the girl I caught an amused gleam in her eyes.

"Thank you, Rodney. Aunt Ellsabeth would thank you, too, if she knew,' The young man flushed and bit his lip. Miss Graham had a provoking tone when she wished. I felt sorry for him. "Won't you sit down and have some

He shook his head. "I must be getting back, now I have found her."

He was too polite to look at his watch, but we both knew what he was thinking. "I left my horse in your back yard." Miss Graham rose. "I must go, too Thank you, Mr. Seldou, for the sunset and the tea. Mr. Islip will find my borse and go back with me." Her eyes were dancing as she looked from one to the other of us men, and I hardly wonder,

cheerful as usual. Charles brought Islip's borse down to the beach, and we three walked up to the point in the pines where Miss Graham

a sudden, and Islip's face wasn't as

for I felt distinctly out of sorts

ad left her mount. There we separated. market's shaky; slumping all yesterday and started in to-day. Better look out The short upright teeth on the stack for a squall." He grinned as he disappeared.

Charles was clearing away the remains of the ten-party when I returned. "Sorry, Mr. Felix," seid he. "I tried

you on pressing business, That's all right, Charles. He came

to get my guest. We couldn't have sat there drinking tea all night." "No. of course not, sir, of course not."

I turned to do indoors, "By the way, Charles, that tea was splendid; you did yourself proud. By the time supper was finished I was still thinking about the Penguin Club, which was a very singular thing, because

ordinarily I had no use for the place. (To be continued.)

Division of Labor.

"Got any work this mornin', Mistah Boyd?" asked old Billy Bulger, safe been exposed by road grading, until in the knowledge that no work would travel had actually been turned to be entrusted to him.

"No," was the response; and then, before Billy could ask for the custom- fulness of the farmer. Of course there ary contribution: "But wait a minute. Lawyer Phillips has owed me \$20 for that some of it never gets done-any twenty years. Collect it and I'll give one who has farmed for as short a waiting customer.

The old man found the lawyer in the middle of a group of prospective clients work that comes hardest. The excuse and influential citizens. Thrusting of the man who does not have a cleanthrough the group, he called, in stentorian tones:

"Mistah Phillips, suh!" "Well?" queried the lawyer, much

"Mistah Boyd done tell me that you've owed him \$20 for about a hundred years; and he wants to know kin you pay him, suh."

The lawyer hurried to Billy's side. "You idiot," he said sotto voce, "do you want to ruin my business? Here!" and he thrust a \$10 bill into the old the very best kind and fit the animal's man's band.

Back to the merchant toddled the old "Well, Billy," said the merchant, well washed and brushed dally.

"dld you get it?"

The old man grinned. "I got my half, all right," he chuckled; "but you'd better look out when you go back to get your half-

Success Magazine. Ripening Bananas.

he's right smart hot over it, sub!"-

It is a familiar fact that bananas are imported green, but it came as a new thing to a visitor to the banana district in Colombia to find that bananas are not permitted to ripen on the plant even down there. They are cut and set to hang somewhere until they wither ripe, as the phrase is, Bananas do not have to be yellow to be ripe. That is only the color of the "We are," I answered. "That reminds skin when it has dried up. To the person who is accustomed to eating bananas only when they are yellow it seems odd to peel them when they are green and find that they are perfectly ripe within and fit to eat.-New York Sun.

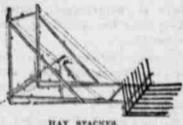
> Coursely Defined. "What is the distinguishing quality

of the problem play?" "It makes you think. The first half keeps you wondering what the question is, and the second half keeps you guessing what's the answer."-Wash-



The sizes of timbers used in this

design for a hay stacker vary from 2 inches by 4 inches to 4 Inches by Farm. f luches. The bottom pieces marked are 12 feet long and 4 inches by 5 inches, the side uprights are 14 feet long; the cross piece 5 is 13 feet of 3-inch by 5-inch stuff; No. 6 is 2 inches by 5 inches, and is bevelled on the front edge to allow the hay to alide over it easily, when being shoved on by the sweep. No. 13 is 8 feet by 2 inches by 4 inches, with the higher end 8 feet above the ground, so that when the stacker is on the ground the weight box No. 14 will be about 2 inches from the two pulleys on the



HAY STACKEL

upper end of No. 13. The rope for raising the stacker should be either such or inch and a quarter.

The teeth on the stacker can made of Much by 4-inch pine scanbling "By the way, Selden," said Islip, "the 10 feet long and bevelled on the upper side to allow the hay to alide easily er head should be about 5 feet long. They are bolted to the long teeth about 2 inches from the stacker head No. 5 and rest against the stacker to keep the gentleman away, but he head No. 6. The stacker arms No. 4 would come out. Said he wanted to see should be boited to No. 2 with a large bolt about 12 inches from the ground.

Clean Farming Profitable.

Honest, now, don't you like to see a farm kept clean of all unnecessary trash and the fields clean of weeds? It really adds to the worth of the farm. In the eyes of the man passing by it is a better farm than the one beside it of equal soil, though weedgrown and brushy.

A great many folks pay no attention to the roaduldes. Where a hedge is the outside fence, we have seen hedge brush grow from roots that had the opposite because of it. This doesn't speak very well for the careis always so much to do on a farm you half." And the merchant, knowing time as one year knows this-but the how bad was the debt, winked at a time required to do a little cleaning up is really shorter than a busy man believes. It is getting started at the looking farm is usually that he does not care about selling, and it is worth as much to him that way as any. He does not figure in anything for satis-

Summer Care of Horses A great many horses are laid up every summer with sore shoulders. This can be remedied in a very large measure with sense and care.

A good horse collar is the main part of the harness and it should be of neck perfectly. The collar should be kept clean at

all times and the horse's shoulders

Much dust and dirt arise in the fields and on the roads during the warm season, and this is caught and held on the moist and sweaty shoulders and collar, there to form hard lumps and ridges.

Every time the collar is put on the horse it should be examined for those ridges and lumps. If any are found they should be carefully brushed and rubbed away.

After each day's work, especially in shoulders with a mixture of warm water, salt and soda.

Hot water is one of the best known natural agents for relleving soreness.

Bitter Milk.

Bitter milk may originate from two sources. The first source is dependent upon the cow, while the second is due to the growth of bacteria in the milk after it has been drawn. The differ ence between these two classes of bit ter milk is that the first has a decidedly acid faste when freshly drawn, while the second class is sweet when taken from the cow, but the bitterness occurs after standing for a short time and increases in intensity. Bitter milk when produced in the udder may result from improper feeding with such of our Colorado herbs as lupines, artemisia and the like, or with the

raw Swedish turnips, cabbages, etc. Bitter milk may be observed during the last stage of lactation and has followed the infection of ducts with bacteris which act on the proteids as an enzyme, converting them into peptones and other products to which the bitter taste is probably due.-Field and

A Useful Bird.

A family of barn owls will number from three to seven birds. It is difficult to believe what a lot of vermin and rodents a family of owls will con-An old owl will capture as more food than much OF The dozen cats in a night. owlets are always hungry. They will eat their weight in food every night and more if they can get it. A case is on record in which a half grown owl was given all the mice it could eat. It swallowed eight one right after another. The ninth followed all but the tail, which for some time hung out of the bird's mouth The rapid digestion of birds of prey is shown by the fact that in three hours the little glutton was ready for a second meal and swallowed four more mice. If this can be done by a single bird what effect must a whole family of owls have on the rodents of a community?

Pure Water by Condensation.

In the big desert of Chill there is a considerable amount of brackish water, but no water that either human beings or stock can drink. Science, however, says the Los Angeles Times, has come to the aid of this rainless section of the country in the form of an ingenious desert waterworks, consisting of a series of frames containing 20,000 square feet of glass. The panes of glass are arranged in the shape of a V. and under each pane is a shallow pan containing brackish water. The heat of the sun main canal. Nearly a thousand gallons of fresh water is collected daily by this means.

Conversation of Bees.

In an article on been and ants by Gaston Rouwer in the Revue Hebdomadaire the writer contends that these insects carry on conversation among themselves and that, while this is done by means of their feelers, they are not entirely dependent upon them. "A whole colony," says Mr. Douwer, 'in an anthouse or a beehlve often responds instantaneously to a signal which may have been given without contact. It is interesting to see an ant laborer for whom a burden is too heavy go to a fellow, make a sign or give a certain touch with his feeler, and then see the second insect join the first in lifting or moving the ob-



feelings of Moral: Respect the your horses and protect them from flies.-Farm, Stock and Home.

Let the Old Cows Go. After a cow has outlived the period

of greatest usefulness, it is best to fill her place with another, and the best way we find to get rid of her is long, easy swell, and swerve to the to dispose of her from grass. If a north. calf is by her side, the two are usuaally sold together, and the time of selling is at such time as the grass warm weather, bothe and clean the fat shows to the greatest advantage. When corn was lower in price than it is now it paid to corn-feed aging cows. but now it does not. More can be secured from the corn by putting it into steers and letting the old cows go with what grass fat they will carry. -Farmers' Mail and Breeze.

Strawberries.

There are three common methods of growing strawberries-in hills, in narrow matted rows or in wide matted rows. We prefer the second method. Arrange the first strong runners by hand, spacing them properly and securing each one in place with a little soil or a small stone. Then, when dyers and sametimes by sales pertional runners that may grow. Keep the ground heed and cultivated until late fall. The finished row should not be wider than 15 or 18 inches.

SCIENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Journal Published, Germa Studied and Serums Propaged.

"One work in the Philippines, purely American, has escaped general attention," date Dr. Frederick J. Houser, of Minneapolis, to a reporter for the Washington Herald, who has spent a number of years in the Philippine government service. "It's the kind that's done with a microscope and so does not attract public notice like building bridges and roads, and sewers and water works, and harbor improvements. It is the work of what is called the bureau of science.

"That work has been worth millions to the Philippines," continued Dr. Houser. "It grew out of the necessity of examining the water supplies, of making analysis of foods, of investigating agricultural problems, making vaccine virus and serums for certain diseases, as well as studying insect pests and making assays of mineral products.

"Gradually all these functions and many more were centered in one in stitution to investigate the natural resources of the islands to study diseases, to standardize weights and measures and to form a great scientific library. There have been all sorts of chemical work done for the benefit of agriculture.

"All kinds of germs have been studled and serums have been prepared for them. More than 60,000 botanical specimens have been collected. A fine scientific journal is published and has made itself known throughout the

"Do you wonder that the Filipinos have a reputation for being lazy? It isn't laziness. In plain English, it is a case of worms. The Filipino won't be good for much, either in the way of government or industry, until you get

those worms out of his system. Well,

the bureau of science is getting after 'em.

00000000000000000000000 RUNNING THE BIG RAPIDS. 000000000000000000000000

Where the waters of half a continent become hemmed in between the evaporates the water, which condenses rock walls of the River Saskatcheupon the sloping glass, and, made wan, at a point not a third of a pure by this operation, it runs down mile wide, with such steep descent into little channels at the bottom of over huge boulders and rocky islets the V and is carried away into the that it could not be any steeper with out being a cataract, one can well belleve Miss Agnes Laut's declaration, in Scribner's Magazine, that at such a place "things are doing" in the river. She describes the passage of these rapids as follows:

We heard the far wh-u-sh, then the wild roar, then the full throated shout of triumphant waters. You think your blood will not run any faster at that sound after having run more rapids than you can count? Try it!

We sat up from our sluggish, easy postures. Then the river began to round and rise and boil in oil edities, and the cance to hounce forward in leaps without any lift on our part. then a race horse plunge; and we are in the middle of furlous tumult.

The Indian rises at the stern and leans eagerly forward. Even the coof Sexumith admits, "This is a place where the river really does things, isn't it?" But the Indian is paddfing like a concentrated fury. Then we shoot forward into a vortex of whirting sheaves of water.

"She strong-she per'-strong rapid!" shouts the Indian, as we swirl past one rock and try to eatch the current that will whirl us past the next. "Pull-pull-pull a strong paddie!" And we rise to a leap of wild waters, have plunged into the trough, and are climbing again before some one can remark, "Say, I don't like sidling to rapida."

There is a rock ahead about the size of a small house, where the waters are breaking, aquiver and white with The Indian had risen again, rage. "Stop!" he yells. "Don't paddle! Let her go!" But he himself is steering furiously as we graze past out to the bouncing waves.

So we run the Big Rapids for about a mile, then ride a third rapid in a

Boy's Essny on 'Possum.

"There's this to say of the 'possum," writes a Georgia youngster: "He ain't no bear, 'cause he's always grinnin' like he was to a good humor with ever'body. It's just as if, when you tol' him you was goin' to kill him, an' cook him, an' eat him for dinner he looked on it as a good joke-just took it for a laughin' matter. I don't know whether he is just good-natured, or was born grinnin'!" -Atlanta Constitution.

New Shades of Color.

Argent is a degeneration of argent, meaning silver. Toreador is yellow. and alexan is said to be brown with pink reflections. The names of colors out of the ordinary are invented by

"Somehow," said a brakeman to-day, to a man he disliked, "you remind me of last month's Puck."