

SYNOPSIS.

The story opens on Long Island, near New York city, where Miss Emily Ffrench, a relative of Ethan Ffrench, innufacturer of the celebrated "Mer-ing" automobile, loses her way. The first has stopped and her coustin. Dick first it aright. They meet another car amed Lestrange. The latter fixes up how to proceed homeward. Ethan ffrench has disinherited his son, who has disappeared. He informs Emily plainly that he would like to have be irresponsible follow. It appears that a prime of Ethan Ffrench wanting an ex-pert of Ethan Ffrench wanting an ex-pert of Ethan Ffrench wanting an ex-pert of the process is a good-natured but presentible follow. It appears that a presenter of Ethan Ffrench wanting an ex-pert of near with the "Mercury" at suit we ffrench tatory Emily encounters the found man. They refer pleasantly ho merginase the young racer. Dick likes in entromobile sport.

CHAPTER V.

There was a change in the Ffrench affairs, a lightening of the atmosphere, a vague quickening and stir of healthful cheer in the days that followed. The somber master of the house met it in Bailey's undisguised elation and pride when they discussed the successful business now taxing the factory's resources, met it yet again in Emily's pretty galety and content But most strikingly was he confronted with an alteration in Dick.

It was only a week after his first morning ride with Lestrange, that Dick electrified the company at dinner, by turning down the glass at his plate.

"I've cut out claret, and that sort of thing," he announced. "It's bad for the nerves."

His three companions looked up in complete astonishment. It was Saturday night and by ancient custom Bal ley was dining at the house.

"What has happened to you? Have you been attending a revival meeting?" the young man's uncle inquired with sarcasm.

"It's bad for the nerves," repeated Dick. "There isn't any reason why I shouldn't like to do anything other fellows do. Les that is, none of the men who drive cars ever touch that stuff, and look at their nerve."

Mr. Ffrench contemplated him with the irritation usually produced by the display of ostentatious virtue, but found no comment. Emily gazed at the table, her red mouth curving in spite of all effort at seriousness. "You're right, Mr. Dick," said Bailey dryly. "Stick to it." And Dick stuck, without as much as a single lapse. Ffrenchwood saw comparatively little of him, as time went on, the village and factory much. He lost some weight, and acquired a coat of reddish tan. Emily watched and admired in si lence. She had not seen Lestrange again, but it seemed to her that his influence overlay all the life of both house and factory. Sometimes this showed so plainly that she believed Mr. Ffrench must see, must feel the silent force at work. But either he did not see or chose to ignore. And Dick was incautious.

Ffrench walked into the room where his niece was reading. "I want to see Bailey," he said Mr. Ffrench frigidly inquired. briefly. "Do you wish to drive me down to the factory, or shall I have the new drill is acting." Balley pulled Anderson bring around the limousine?"

too little "

change."

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fixed."

"Uncle!" Emily cried.

we might be wrong."

quite pale and shaken.

his face setting.

"Yes, but-"

starts tomorrow night," Bailey sug-

gested uneasily. "It's easy fixed, and

'We have always made them this

"Consult experts, then. I do not like

your manager's tone; he is too as-

suming. Now let me see those pa-

Emily's parasol slipped to the floor

with a sharp crash as she stood up.

"Uncle, Mr. Lestrange knows," she

appealed. "You heard him say what

would happen-please, please let it be

Amazed, Mr. Ffrench looked at her,

"You forget your dignity," he re

torted in displeasure. "This is mere

"Please let us drive," she exclaimed, rising with alacrity. "I have not been to the factory for months." Very good. You are looking well, Emily, of late."

Surprised, a soft color swept the face she turned to him. "I am well. Dear, I think we are all better this spring." "Perhaps," said Ethan Ffrench. His

bitter gray eyes passed deliberately over the large room with all its traces of a family life extending back to pre-Colonial times, but he said no more.

It was an exquisite morning, too virginal for June, too richly warm for May. When the two exchanged the sunny road for the factory office, a north room none too light, it was a moment before their dazzled eyes perceived no one was present. This was

Balley's private office, and its owner had passed into the room beyond. "I will wait," conceded Mr. Ffrench

dismissing the boy who had ushered them in. "Sit down, Emily; Bailey will return directly, no doubt."

But Emily had already sat down, for she knew the voice speaking beyond the half-open door, and that the longprevented meeting was now imminent.

"It will not do," Lestrange was stat ing definitely. "It should be reinforced."

"It's always been strong enough," Bailey's slower tones objected. "For years. It's not a thing likely to break.

"Not likely to break? Look at last year's record, Mr. Bailey, and tell me that. A broken steering-knuckle killed Brook in Indiana, another sent Little to the hospital in Massachusetts, the same thing wrecked the leader at the last Beach race and dashed him through the fence. Do you know what it means to the driver of a machine hurling itself along the narrow verge of destruction, when the steeringwheel suddenly turns useless in his grasp? Can you feel the sick helplessness, the confronting of death, the compressed second before the crash? Is it worth while to risk it for a bit of costless steel?"

The clear realism of the picture forced a pause, filled by the dull roar and throb through the machinerycrowded building.

"They were not our cars that broke, any of them," Balley insisted.

"Not our cars, no. But the steeringknuckle of my own machine broke under my hands last March, on the road, and if I had been on a curve instead of a straight stretch there would have been a wreck. As it was, I brought her to a stop in the ditch. There is no other thing that may not leave a fighting chance after it breaks but this leaves absolutely none. I know, you both know, that the steer ing-wheel is the only weapon in the driver's grasp. If it fails him, he goes out and his mechanician with him.

Emily paled, shrinking. She re-membered the road under the maples and Lestrange's laughing face as he leaned breathless across his useless wheel. That was what it had meant, then, the lightly treated episode!

"You'd better fix it like he wants it." advised Dick's disturbed tones "Remember, he's got to drive the car Friday and Saturday, Bailey, not us." "It's not alone for my racer I'm speaking, but for every car that leaves the shop," Leetrange caught him up "I'm not flinching; I've driven the car before and I will again. It may hold for ever, that part, but I've tested it and it's a weak point-take the warn ing for what it's worth."

men left the next room. Bitterly dis-GREEKS JOIN IN PEACE MOVE appointed, she sank back. "That was your manager with you?"

Held Out to Keep Turkey From Gaining By Respite. 'Yes; he went up-stairs to see how London-Greece has officially an-

out a handkerchief and rubbed his ounced that she would participate in brow. "Excuse me, it's warm. Yes. the peace negotiations. he wants me to strengthen a knuckle It is expected both from Sofia and -he's spoken considerable about it. I Athens that Greece held out from the guess he's right; better too much than armistice in agreement with the allies to prevent Turkey from profiting from "I do not see that follows. I should the armistice to improve her military

imagine that you understood building positions. chassis better than this racing driver. An unconfirmed report from Athens You had best consult outside experts says the Greeks are continuing their in construction before making a operations against Janina, but elsewhere orders have been received to ease hostilities. "There's a twenty-four hour race

Reports are current that arrange-Railroad company, filed with the secments had been made for revictualing retary of state and with the Lane the besieged garrisons appear to have been incorrect.

Provisioning will not begin until the peace conference has been inaugurated. The Bulgarian organ, Mir, in an editorial dilates on the advantages to Turkey of a good understanding with Bulgaria. It declares that Turkey's Martin's rapids, where the Oregon salvation lies not in continuing the Power company is doing the prelimiwar, but in seeking a rapprochement nary work on a hydro-electric project. with Bulgaria.

LARGE RIVER WORK URGED it was definitely known that Portland, Eugene & Eastern surveyors had been at work all summer checking up on

Poindexter Points Out Need of Aid old surveys made when Al Welch first to Transportation Facilities. planned the Portland, Eugene & East-

ern system, and it had been understood Washington, D. C.-Senator Poin that an electric line was to be built. dexter, of Washington, in an address here before the National Rivers and In fact, President Strahorn, of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, has made Harbors congress, said the time had announcement that his company was ome for the development of every reconsidering the building of this line, ource in this country, and emphasized but at that time had no definite news waterway development as one of the to give out. ountry's most important needs.

Senator Poindexter said the railways eed waterway transportation aid, not to have competition, but because the rail lines could not handle the traffic. He spoke also of the importance of carrying through to completion river improvement work on which large sums already had been spent, so the returns on the investment would not be delayed.

Harold E. McCormick, vice-president of the International Harvester company, expresses the opinion that, as with the Panama canal, a large bond issue should be created for the purpose of improving on a large scale the waterways of the country.

HUGE OVEN MAY SERVE NEW YORK BREAD LINE

Spokane - The oven that baked ,250 pies per hour during the recent fifth national apple show may be taken to New York to cook food for the "bread lines." Lew S. Hurtig of Spokane, originator of the 75 foot ven, is not only negotiating with New York people for its installation there, where he claims it can do in one hour work which now requires six, but he has organized a company and will cook bread "by the mile" at San Francisco in 1915. The oven has been patented. It is built of bricks, is 75 feet long and three feet square. Heat is supplied by high pressure gas pipes, the pies or other articles being carried

Tobacco Trust Accused.

New York-Rudolph Epstein, one of E. E. Hoffman, president of the Govthe several Brooklyn tobacco jobbers ernment Standard Powders company, who say they were forced out of busi- which is establishing a powder factory

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

PLAN IS TO BLOCK HILL LINE CROOK COUNTY WINS PRIZE

Harriman Interests Rush Survey Eastern Oregon Has Best Forage Up McKenzie Valley.

The action of the Harriman inter-

ests came rather as a surprise here, as

ounty clerk.

Eugene-Intention of the Harriman interests to forestall the Hill people

Washington, D. C .- Crook county, in the building of a railroad up the

Oregon, secured the Northern Pacific railway's silver cup offered for the McKenzie Valley is evidenced by the best display of forage plants exhibited copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the Oregon & California at the recent Northwestern Land Products exposition at Minneapolis.

Exhibit at Minneapolis.

The display at the exposition was made by the Prineville Commercial This resolution authorizes the conclub jointly with the Oregon and Weststruction of a trifle over 24 miles of railroad from a point on the Natronern Colonization company.

Klamath cut-off, a few miles east of The forage plants in this display consisted of various bundles of alfalfa, Springfied, up the McKenzie Valley to field peas, mammoth and medium clover, wild peas, brome grass, red top, wheat grass, vetch, sweet clover, filigree, timothy and wild rye. The al-falfa was of the first cutting and measured seven feet in length. Several heads of the timothy were 14 inches long, while a bundle of the wild ye measured 111 feet in height.

This forage was raised in the interor of Oregon from ten to 30 miles distant from Redmond, a station on the new Oregon Trunk railway, an affiliated line of the Northern Pacific road.

OREGON IS RICH IN SHEEP

More Than 2,000,000 Animals In Eastern Part of State.

Salem-There are 2,225,000 sheep n Eastern Oregon. There are sheep on 6318 farms in Oregon, or on 14 per cent of all the farms in the state. These are figures shown in the report of the State Board of Sheep commis-FIRST EQUAL SUFFRAGE VOTE sioners which has just been received here.

Oregon Women Take Prominent Part in City Elections.

The Oregon Electric, since it has

acquired water power rights at Clear Lake, capable of developing 33,000

horsepower, was also popularly sup-

posed to be planning the construction of a railroad up the McKenzie, and

thence to a junction with the Oregon

Trunk east of the Three Sisters.

Oregon City-Mrs. Kate Newton, first woman candidate for mayor in the state, lost by 836 votes, Linn E. Jones going in easily. There were 1182 votes cast. Powder puffs, mirrors and umbrellas were left in booths Albany-Complete new city charter adopted; E. A. Johnson elected to council, although name did not appear

on ballot. Women cast 194 votes or 28 per cent of number cast. Newport-"Drys" win 237 to 191. \$10,000 bond issue for water system

carries. Women defy rain to vote. Gladstone-All election officials are women; Mrs. Minda Church elected city treasurer over male opponent by

25 votes. Tillamook-Wets win by eight votes. Women cast half of votes, favoring 'dry" candidates for mayor. Mayor Harter's election may be contested.

Oxygen Explosive Is Made.

Astoria-"On Thanksgiving day, 1912, we began the commercial manu facture of oxygen explosives at our Oregon plant. Such was the word contained in a

letter received by Frank Patton, cashier of the Astoria Savings bank, from

Oregon, states the report, stands sixth in the sheep producing states. There are 10,000 people directly interested in handling Oregon sheep and 40,000 people, more or less dependent on the industry. It is estimated that one man is required to handle 400 sheep, making a total of 45,562 people intimately connected with the industry.

A total of \$2,265,000 is paid to labor for the cost of caring for the sheep and the annual income from the sheep Sheep is estimated at \$8,000,000. and equipment are valued at \$23,-407,000.

NEW ROAD MEASURE URGED

Lane County Grange Will Work for Road Patrol.

Springheld-At the last meeting of the Pomona grange of Lane county a resolution to be presented to the county commissioners, asking them to take under advisement the suggestion of a county road patrol, was unanimously adopted and a committee appointed to present it to the court. The resolution says "that experi-

ence in several American states demonstrates that a systematic road patrol, by sections, for road repair work wherever needed at the time when it is needed and when it can be done most economically, is the only satisfactory

More Livestock Is Plea.

county court would



childishness, Emily. Men will be con sulted more competent to decide than

From one to the other she gazed, then turned away.

said. "I-I would rather be outdoors." Dick Ffrench was up-stairs, standing with Lestrange in one of the narrow alsles between lines of grimly officient machines that bit or cut their way through the steel and aluminum

him with a folded visiting card. "Miss Ffrench sent it," was the ex-

horse-motor car, and she called me off from end to end on an endless chain. the track to ask me to demean myself The journey requires one and a half by acting like a messenger boy. All minutes. right?"

astonished eye over the card.

"No answer?" "No answer."

I'll hurry

"I-1 Would Rather Be Outdoors."

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this Lestrange. That will do."

"I will wait out in the cart," she

fed to them, when Rupert came to

planation. "She's sitting out in her

"All right," said Dick, running an

"I'm going to buy one of our roadstors myself." he stated one day. "Can I have it at cost?"

Mr. Ffrench felt for his pince-nez. "You? Why do you not use the limousine?"

"Because I don't want to go around in a box driven by a chauffeur. I want a classy car to run myself. I've been driving some of the stripped cars, lately, and I like it."

"I will give you a car, if you want one," answered his uncle, guite kind-17. "Go select any you prefer."

"Thank you," Dick sat up, beaming "But I'll have to wait my turn, we've orders ahead now. Lestrange says I've no right to come in and make some other fellow wait."

Mr. Ffrench slowly stiffened.

"We do not require lessons in ethics from this Lestrange," was the cold re buke. "I shall telephone Bailey to send up your car at once.

Rupert brought the sixty horse-power roadster to the door, three hours later. And Emily appreciated that Le strange was discreet as well as com pelling, when she found the blackeyed young mechanician was detailed to accompany Dick's maiden trips; which duty was fulfilled, incidentally, with the fine fact of a Richelleu.

In May there was a still greater accession of work at the factory. In addition, the first of June was to open with a twenty-four hour race at Beach track, and Lestrange was entered for Excitement was in the air; Dickcame in the house only to eat and sleep.

There was a movement as if he rose with the last word. Emily laid

Met it Yet Again in Emily's Pretty Galety and Content.

her hand on the arm of the chair, turning her excited dark eyes on her uncle. Surely if ever Mr. Ffrench was to meet his manager, this was the moment; when Lestrange's ringing argument was still in their ears, his splendid force of earnestness still vibrant in the atmosphere. And suddenly she wanted them to meet, passionately wanted Ethan Ffrench's liking for this man.

"Uncle," she began. "Uncle-But it was not Lestrange's light tep that halted on the threshold.

"Why, 1 didn't know-" exclaimed Bailey "Excuse me, Mr. Ffrench, they didn't tell me you were down." He glanced over his shoulder; as

The day before the race, Mr she seard an echo, as if the two young that way."

broidery. I'm several laps behind in my work already."

'See here, Lestrange," Dick began, as the mechanician departed, sitting down on a railing beside a machine steadily engaged in notching steel disks into gear-wheels.

"Don't do that!" Lestrange exclaimed sharply. "Get up, Ffrench."

"It's safe enough."

"It's nothing of the kind. The least slip-

"Oh, well," he reluctantly rose, "if you're going to get fussy. Read what Emily sent up."

Lestrange accepted the card with a faint flicker of expression.

"Dick, uncle is making the steering knuckle wait for expert opinion," the legend ran, in pencil. "Have Mr. Bailey strengthen Mr. Lestrange's car, anyhow. Do not let him race so.

Near them two men were engaged in babbitting bearings, passing ladlefuls of molten metal carelessly back and forth, and splashing hissing drops over the floor; at them Lestrange gazed in silence, after reading, the card still in his hand.

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Golf and a Prince.

Mrs. R. H. Barlow, the golf champion, said at a recent luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia: "Golf has its humors, and this struck me particularly in a conversation at a golf club that I once had

with a Persian prince. "The prince, as he sat on the club plazza watching the various chamdons drive off, drawled:

"I don't see very much in golf. No object is to be gained by the depositing of a white ball in a subterranean cavity; and if any object were to be gained, the shortest and surest method would surely be to carry the ball in the hand from cavity to cavity." "l laughed.

'But, prince,' I said, 'the difficulty of getting the ball into the cavities, as you call them, is what constitutes the attraction of the game.

'The difficulty constitutes the at traction, ch?' The prince frowned. Well,' he went on, 'it would be more difficult to shave with a coal shovel than a razor, but I don't think many men are tempted on that account to he pulled shut the door Emily fancied remove their beards each morning in ness by the American Tobacco company, testified to the tactics employed line of Clatsop county. by the trust to crush competition. He

is a witness in the suit for \$300,000 brought by John A. Locker against the American company under the Sherman law.

He declared that A. T. Benheim, representing the trust, called a meeting of jobbers in 1904 and told them the American Tobacco company in-tended to form a combine of all jobbers on New York, each member to away. receive 1000 shares of preferred stock

in a company to be known as the Metropolitan Tobacco company. Epstein said when he refused to join

Benheim warned him that he would be driven out of business. He said that the American company refused to sell goods to him and after a time he was forced to close up.

Youths Steal 20 Autos.

Chicago-Four young men ranging in age from 16 to 21 years confessed to the police of Melrose Park, a suburb, that they have committed at least 50 robberies during the past 12 months and carried away loot, the aggregate value of which is placed at \$23,000. Among the property stolen by the quartet are 20 automobiles and many diamonds. The youths gave their names as James Brong, Leonard Tartorello, Charles Garnett and John Ragone. During the past few weeks robberies have occurred nightly.

Milwaukee, Wis .- "Fill all the gov-

river has closed. On the latter waterthrough careful original selections and way the co-operative cannery put up careful promotion, and no civil servant about 7000 cases of salmon, and did Re- not have as good a season as usual, will have any patrons to serve. quire all civil servants to abstain from In Marshfield, the Tallant cannery had partisan political activity and there about the most successful season of will be no office-holders' management any of the plants of the county, and have already joined and 80 of the of nominations or election," said Pres- turned out about 15,000 cases. The school children. All are enthusiastic ident Eliot, of the National Civil Serv- salmon brought to the fishermen of the and a splendid fair next year will no ice Reform league, in his address at county quite a large sum of money, the annual meeting in Milwaukee.

Monster Radish Grown.

Manitowoc, Wis.-Mute evidence tending to show that the schooner Eugene-The monster radish of the Rose Simmons lies at the bottom of Lake Michigan off Two Rivers Point, N. Hogue is the owner. It weighs 22 miles north of this city, was 181 pounds and is 251 inches in cir- cars, donkey engines and oil. brought here by fishermen who found cumference and 251 inches in length, expected that dirt will begin to fly entangled in their nets several Christ- and this is gospel truth, since Rev. J. at the site of the big tunnel between mas tree tops, presumably part of the H. Moore vouches for the measure- Gardiner and Coos Bay, on the Eugeneschooner's cargo. ments.

at Woods Landing, near the eastern method of keeping roads in usable con-

dition, and the While the manufacture of powder seem, under the law, to have full has been started, the construction power to adopt and put in practice a work is not yet completed and several patrol system, sectioning the road weeks will necessarily elapse before therefor and placing in charge of each the plant will be in full operation. As section some person, whether superthe new mill will utilize by-products visor or other employe, whose duty it that have heretofore been regarded as shall be to inspect his section of road worthless, its establishment is preat frequent intervals and make repairs dicted to provide a market for large which may be called for at any time. quantities of material now thrown

Rich Oil Strike Is Expected. If the Northwest continues to in-

crease its livestock production as it Portland-Oil within 30 days is the has shown a tendency to do in the last expectation of the Central Oregon Oil few years the price of meat is certain & Gas company, which is sinking its to decline, believes J. Odgen Armour, first well in its properties in Harney head of the big Chicago packing county about 18 miles south of Burns. houses bearing his name, who was on J. C. Turney, president of the com a pleasure visit to Oregon. pany, who was in Portland this week. from Burns, made this prediction.

'Farmers have neglected the livestock department of their business. Should the expected success come said Mr. Armour, "and that, with the upon the enterprise, a pipeline from natural increase in population and the the Harney County fields to Portland constant increase in demand, has creto deliver the product will soon be projected. This has been under conated a constant demand for meats with which the supply has been hard ideration since the preliminary surveys of the fields were begun in 1909 pressed to keep pace. "With more attention to the liveand the engineers of the company de stock end of farming there should be clare it to be a perfectly feasible plan. The project was begun following the a greatly increased production in the

next few years and a resultant downdiscovery in the wells of the Pacific ward tendency of the market.' Livestock company of unmistakable signs of oil and gas, when the drill

had reached a depth of only 6690 feet. School Children's Fair Organized.

Coos Bay Canning Finished.

Marshfield - The salmon canning

perintendent of Yamhill county; W. T. Macey, president of Yamhill county school fair association, and M. Mc-Donald, president of the Oregon Nursery coumpany, were the speakers at an enthusiastic meeting here recently to organize the Orenco School Children's Fair association. Fifty adults doubt be the result.

Orenco-B. W. Barnes, county su-

perintendent-elect; S. S. Duncan, su-

Work to Begin on Tunnel.

Gardiner - A second bargeload of railroad material for Porter Bros., railroad contractors, has been towed ason has appeared at London, and J. into the Umpqua river. The material was loaded at Yaquina, and consists of Coos Bay railroad, very soon.

as fishermen and in the canning plants.

and many received employment both

season on Coos Bay and the Coquille

rnment offices on the merit system

Merit System Is Upheld.

Trees Evidence of Wreck.