COLONEL QUARITCH, V.C. By H. RIDER HAGGARD.

The old gentleman staggered for a moment, and caught at the mantel piece, for the blow was a heavy one, and as unexpected as it was heavy. But he recovered himself in an instant, for it was one of the peculiarities of his character that his spirits always seemed to rise to the occasion in the face of urgent adversity-in short, he possessed an extraordinary share of moral courage.

"Indeed," he said, indignantly, "indeed, it is a pity that you did not tell me that at once, Mr. Quest; it would have saved me from patting myself in a false position by proposing a business arrangement which is not ac-ceptable. As regards the interest, I admit that it is as you say, and I very much regret .tt. That stupid fellow, George, is always so dreadfully behindband with his accounts that I can never get anything settled." He did not state, and indeed did not know, that the reason that the unfortunate George was behindhand was that there were no acc to make up, or rather that they were all on the wrong side of the ledger. "I will have the wrong side of the ledger. "I will have that matter seen to at once. Of course, busi-ness people are quite right to consider their due, and I do not blame Mesers. Cossey in the matter, not in the least. Still, I must say hat, considering the long and intimate rela-.ionship that has for nearly two centuries ex-isted between their house and my family, they might-well-have shown a little more eration."

"Yes," said Mr. Ouest, "I dare say that the step strikes you as a harsh one. To be perfectly frank with you, Mr. de la Molle, struck me as a very barsh one, but of course I am only a servant, and bound to carry out my instructions. I sympathize with you very much-very much, indeed."

"Oh, don't do that," said the old gentleman, "Of course, other arrangements must be made; and, much as it will pain me to terminate my connection with Messrs, Cos-sey, they shall be made."

'But I think," went on the lawyer, without any notice of his interruption, "that you mis-understand the matter a little. Cossey & Son are only a trading corporation, whose object is to make money by lending it, or otherwise-at all hazards to make money. The kind of feeling that you allude to, and that might induce them, in consideration of long intimacy and close connection in the past, to forego the opportunity of so doing, and even to run a risk of loss, is a thing which belongs to former generations. But the present is a strictly commercial age, and we are the most commercial of the trading nations. Cossey & Son move with the time, that is all, and they would rather sell up a dozen families which had dealt with them for two centuries than lose five hundred pounds, provided, of course, that they could do so without scandal and loss of general respect, which, where a banking house is concerned, also means a loss of custom. I am a great lover of the past myself, and be lieve that our ancestors' ways of doing business were, on the whole, better and more charitable than ours; but I have to make my living, and take the world as I find it, Mr. de

"Quite so, Quest; quite so," answered the squire, quietly. "I had no idea that you looked at these matters in such a light. Certainly the world has changed a good deal since I was a young man, and I do not think it has changed much for the better. But you will want your luncheon; it is hungry work talking about foreclosures," Mr. Quest had not used this unpleasant word, but the squire had seen his drift. "Come into the next room," and he led the way to the drawing room, where Ida was sitting, reading The Times.

"Ida," he said, with an affectation of beartiness, which did not, however, deceive his daughter, who knew how to read every change of her dear father's face, "here is Mr. Quest. Take him into hincheon, my love. I will come presently. I want to finish a nota."

food upon her plate became nauseous to her. A vision arose before her mind's eye of her- came to a hedgerow where there had been a self and her old father departing hand in line of very fine timber oaks of which the hand from the castle gates, behind and about squire had been notoriously fond, and of which gleamed the bard wild lights of a which he had himself taken particular and March sunset, to seek a place to hide them- admiring notice in the course of the previous selves, and the horror of it almost overeame

"Is there no way of excape?" she asked, hoarsely. "To Arse this place would kill my futher. He loves it better than anything in the world; his whole life is wrapped up in

Molla. It is a most charming old place, es-pscially to any rody interested in the past. But unfortunately, mortgagees are no respecters of feelings. To them land is so much property, and nothing more."

"You do not answer my question)" and she which, bordered as it was by the most and leaned toward him and rested her hand upon at the further end by a row of ruined arches, the table. "Is there no way out of it?" Mr. Quest drank a little claret before he

if only you wish take it." 'What way " she asked, eagerly.

"Well, though, as I said just now, the dressed in a plain, tight-fitting gown of blue mortgagees of an estate as a body are merely flannel, which showed off her perfect figure a business co-porntion, and look at things from a business point of view only, you must remember that they are composed of indi-nified face. Mr. Quest sat down ou a bench viduals, and that individuals can be influ-enced if they can be got at. For instance, her closely, and, indeed, if the study of a Cossey & Son are an abstraction, and harshiy disposed in their abstract capacity, but Mr. Edward Cossey is an individual, and I should say, so far as this particular matter is concerned, a bonevolently disposed individual. Now, Mr. Edward Cossey is not himself at the present moment actually one of the firm hard to say to what their peculiar charm and of Cossey & Son, but he is the heir of the head of the house, and, of course, has author-ity, and, what is better still, the command of

my father should try to win over Mr. Edward Cossey. Unfortunately, to be frank, be dislikes him, and my father is not a man naturally pure and elevated temperament,

they are crushingly indebted; your father ting aside the mere charm of beauty and the dislikes Mr. Cossey because his name is Cossey, and for no other reason. But that is not phore of sex, must recognize in them an quite what I meant, I do not think the equal mind, and a presence more noble than squire is the right person to undertake a no- their own. gotiation of that sort. He is a little too outpoken and incantious. No, Miss de la Molle, any one doubted it it was sufficient to comf it is to be done at all you must do it. You pare her in her simplicity to the various must put the whole case before him at once, this very afternoon. There is no time for They were a typical county society gather delay. You need not enter into details; he ing, such as needs no description, and would knows all about them; only ask him to avert not greatly interest if described-neither this catastrophe. He can do so if he likes; how he does it is his own affair."

such a favor of any man! I shall be putting myself in a dreadfully false position.

"I do not pretend, Miss de la Molle, that it is a pleasant task for any young lady to un-dertake. I quite understand you shrinking from it. But sometimes one has to do unpleasant things, and make compromises with one's self respect. It is a question whether or no your family shall be utterly ruined and destroyed. There is, as I honestly believe, no prospect whatever of your father being able to get the money to pay off Cossey & Son, and if he did it would not help him, because he could not puy the interest on it. Under tiese circumstances, you have to choose between putting yourself in an equivocal position and letting events take their course. would be useless for anybody else to undertake the task, and, of course, I cannot guarantee that even you will succeed; but I will

not mince matters, as you doubtless know. Any man would find it hard to refuse a favor asked by such a suppliant. And now you must make up your own mind. I have shown you a path that may lead your family from a osition of the most imminent peril. If you are the woman I take you for, you will not

sprink from following it."

putting the place in order. Presently he The trees were gone. In the bedge winter. where they had stood were a series of gaps like those in an old woman's jaw, and about

upon the ground were littered remains of bark and branches and of fagots that had been made up of the brushwood, "I can gaits understand that, Miss de la Quest's ejaculation. "Poor old gentleman,

house, just in time to see Ida's guests arriv reperty, and uxthing more." "I know all that," she said, impatiently. ing for the lawn tenuls party. Ida herself was standing on the lawn tenuls party. was one of the most picturesque in the country, and a very effective setting to any answered. "Yes," he said, "I think there is, young lady. As the people came they were if only you will take it."

here she was receiving them. She was nified face. Mr. Quest sat down on a bench perfect English lady of the noblest sort has any charms, he was not without his reward. There are some women-most of us know one or two-who are born to hold a great position

and to sail across the world like a swall through meaner fowl. It would be very dignity is owing. It is not to beauty only, for though they have presence, many of these women are not beautiful, while some are even plain. Nor does it spring from native "I understand," said Ida, "You mean that grace and tact alone, though these things must be present. Rather, perhaps, is it the

reflection of a cultivated mind acting upon a to keep his dislikes to himself." which makes these ladies complexious, and "People generally do dislike these to whom fashions them in such kind that all men, putnatural softening of judgment in the atmos-

Such a woman was Ida de la Molle, and if human items by whom she was surrounded. very good nor very bad, very handsome nor very plain, but moving religiously within "But, Mr. Quest," said Ida, "how can I ask the lines of custom, and on the ground of commonplace.

It was no wonder, then, that a woman like Ida do la Mollo was facile princeps among about him and Mrs. Quest, but not being of n scandal loving disposition it had not in terested her, and she had almost forgotten Now, however, she saw that there was something in it.

"So that is the difficult position of which he talks," she said to herself; "he wants to marry meas soon as he can get Mrs. Quest off his hands. And I have consented to that always provided that Mrs. Quest can be disposed of, in consideration of the receipt of a sum of £30,000. And I do not like the man. It was not nice of him to make that bargain. sough I brought it on myself. I wonder i father will ever know what I have don for him, and if he will appreciate it if he loes. Well, it is not a bad price-£30,000it is a good figure for any woman in the present state of the market." And with a

hard and bitter laugh, and a prescience of sorrow to come lying at the heart, she three down the remains of the scarlet Turk and turned away.

CHAPTER XIL

GEORGE PROPHECIES. Ida, for obvious reasons, said nothing to her father of her interview with Edward Louisiana State Lottery. Cossey, and thus it came to pass that on the morning following the lawn tennis party.

did look queer."

George could not keep accounts or

The squire shock hands with him this

Very well, sir," answered George, "Th

"There," said the squire with an express

like a wild Indian? Besides, the Poplars is

"Lord, sir," said George, as he retired.

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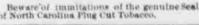
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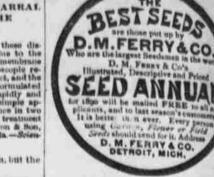
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Then he returned to the vestibule, and sat down in his favorite old oak chair. "Ruined," he said to himself. "I can

never get the money as things are, and there will be a forcelosure. Well, I am an old man, and I hope that I shall not live to see it. But there is Ida. Poor Ida-I cannot bear to think of it; and the old place, too, after all these generations-after all these generations!"

CHAPTER X. THE TENNIS PARTY.

Ida shook hands coldly enough with the lawyer, for whom she cherished a dislike not unmixed with fear. Many women are by nature gifted with an extraordinary power of intuition, which fully makes up for their deficiency in reasoning force. They do not conclude from the premises of their observation, they know that this man is to be feared and that trusted. In fact, they share with the rest of breathing creation that self pro-tective instinct of instantaneous and almost automatic judgment given to guard it from the dangers with which it is continually threatened at the hands of man's overmastering strength and ordered intelligence. Ida tively watching her face, said to himself that was one of them. She knew nothing to Mr. Ocest's disadvantage, indeed, she always are the moken of with great respect, and,

They went into the old dining room, where the luncheon was set, and while Ida allowed Mr. Quest to cut her some cold boiled beefan operation in which he did not seem to be very much at home, she came to a rapid conon in her own mind. She had seen clearly enough from her father's face that his interview with the lawyer had been of a most serious character, but she knew that the chances were that she would nover be able to get its upshot out of him, for the old gentleman had a curious habit of keeping such un-pleasant matters to himself until he was absolutely forced by circumstances to reveal them. She also knew that her father's affairs were in a most critical condition, for that she had extracted from him on the previous night, and if any remedy was to be attempted it must be attempted at once, and on some heroic scale. Therefore, the made up her mind to ask her bets noir, Mr. Quest, what the truth might be.

"Mr. Quest," she said, with some trepidation, as he at last triumphantly handed her the beef, "I hope that you will forgive me for asking you a plain question, and that if you can you will favor me with a plain answer. I know my father's affairs are very much involved, and that he is now anxious to borrow some more money, but I do not know quite how matters stand, and I want to learn the exact truth."

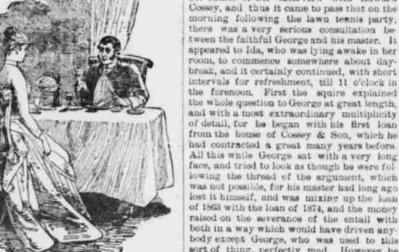
"I am very glad to hear you speak like that, Miss de la Molle," answered the lawyer, "because I was trying to make up my mind to broach the subject, which is a painful one to me. Frankly, then, forgive me for saying it, your father is absolutely ruined. The interest on the mortgages is a year in arrear, his largest farm is just thrown upon his hands, and, to complete the tale, the mo gees are going to call in their money or fore-

At this statement, which was almost brutal in its brief comprehensiveness, Ida turned pale as death, as well she might, and dropped her fork with a clatter upon her plate.

"I did not realize that things were quite so bad," she murmured. "Then I suppose that the place will be taken from us, and we shall -shall have to go away."

"Yes, certainly, unless money can be found to take up the mortgages, of which I see no chance. The place will be sold for what it will fetch, and that nowadays will be no great sum." "When will that be?" she asked.

"In about six or nine months' time." Ida's lips trembled, and the sight of the



Ida made no reply.

Ida made no reply, and in another moment the squire came in to take a couple of glasses of sherry and a biscuit. But Mr. Quest, furshe had taken the bait, and that she would do it. Shortly after this a diversion occurred. for the clergyman, Mr. Jeffrics, a pleasant the many contrart, also liked his wife very international contrart, also liked his wife very international contrart, also contrart of parish be a voided account of his many bidden qualities, but a the many bidden active personal enemy. for the present we may leave her to her meditations.

No more business was discussed by the squire that afternoon. Indeed, it interested Mr. Quest, who was above all things a stukind dent of character, to observe how wonderfully the old gentleman threw off his trouble. To listen to him energetically arguing away with the Rev. Mr. Jeffries as to whether or no it would be proper, as had hitherto been the custom, to devote the proceeds of the harvest festival collection (£1 18s, 3d, and a brass button) to the county hospital, or whether it should be applied to the repair of wrong side. the woodwork in the vestry, was, under the circumstances, most instructive. The Rev. Mr. Jeffries, who suffered severely from the ing, was shown into the room. condition of the vestry, at last gained his point by triumphantly showing that no patime, though coldiy enough, and George touched his forelock and said: "Sarvant, tient from Honham had been admitted to the hospital for fifteen months, and that sir," is the approved fashion. Thereon his therefore the hospital had no particular master told him that he might retire, though he was to be sure not to go out of hearing, as claim on this particular year, whereas the draught in the vestry was enough to cut any he should want him again presently.

clergyman in two, ""Well, well," said the old gentleman, "I just step up to the poplars. I told a man to will consent for this year, and this year be round there today, as I want to see if 1 only. I have been church warden of this parish for between forty and fifty years, and we have always given the harvest festican come to an onderstanding with h about this year's fell in the big wood." of infinito disgust, "there, that's just like val collection to the hospital, and although under these exceptional circumstances it your way, your borrid, cadging way; the idea of telling a man to be 'round about the may possibly be desirable to diverge from that custom, I cannot and will not consent Poplars' some time or other today, because to such a thing in a permanent way. So I you wanted to speak to him about a fell Why didn't you write him a letter like an or

shall write to the secretary and explain the matter, and tell him that next year and in the future generally the collection will be devoted to its original purpose."

"Great beavens" ejaculated Mr. Quest to imself. "And all the time the man must half a mile off if it's a yard." himself. know that in all buman probability the "that ain't the way that folks in these parts place will be sold over his head before he is a year older. I wonder if he puts it on or if ike to do business, that ain't. Letter writing is all very well for Londoners and other furriners, but it don't do here. He sides, sir, I shall hear you well enough up he deceives himself. I suppose he has lived here so long that he cannot realize a condition of things when he will cease to live there. here and the place will belong to somebody -and he was gon Or perhaps he is only brazening it out." And then he strolled away to the back of the house and had a look at the condition of the

outhouses, reflecting that some of them has ordered a favorable report of Hale's would be sadly expensive to repair for who-ever came into possession here. After that bill, providing for the construction of eight battle-ships of large tonnage, two armed coast defense vessels, three gunhe crossed the most and walked through the somewhat extensive plantations at the back of the house, wondering if it would not be possible to get enough timber out of them, if construction and armament. somewhat extensive plantations at the back

possible to get enough timber out of them, if one went to work judiciously, to pay for

A reporter called on him this morning tween the faithful George and his master. It Mr. Bellis is an expert machinist, and appeared to Ida, who was lying awake in her room, to commence somewhere about day was found examining into the merits of break, and it certainly continued, with short a new invention; intervals for refreshment, till 11 o'clock in " Mr. Bellis, is it a fact that you won a the forenoon. First the squire explained part of the capital prize in the Louisiana the whole question to George at great length. and with a most extraordinary multiplicity State Lottery drawing for December ?"

of detail, for he began with his first loan from the house of Cossey & Son, which he "I am happy to say that it is a fact. It was a great surprise to me, and the most had contracted a great many years before. All this while George sat with a very long face, and tried to look as though he were fol acceptable Christmas present 4 ever received in the whole course of my fifty lowing the thread of the argument, which years on earth." was not possible, for his master had long ago

"It was my first speculation in the lotof 1863 with the loan of 1874, and the money tery. I was in need of money, as my raised on the severance of the entail with ealth was bad and interfered with my both in a way which would have driven anyusiness. I thought I would try the lotsort of thing, perfectly mad. However, he tery. My wife opposed the action, savsat it through, and when at last the account | ing it was all nonsense and that I might was fluished, remarked that things "sartialy as well throw the money away. How-Thereupon the squire called him a stopid ever, I determined to try, and invested

owl, and having by means of some test quos \$3, securing three 40-th part lickets. tions discovered that he knew very little "I will admit candidly that I was a litthe details which had just been explained t tle anxious to know how I came out, and him at such portentous length, he, in spite could hardly wait for the issue of the of the protest of the wretched George, who urged that they "didn't seem to be gitting Star-Sayings containing the list of the no forrader somehow," began and went winning numbers. When I saw 98,455though every word of it again. This brought them to breakfast time, and \$500,000, I looked at one of my tickets. after breakfast George's accounts were thor There it was in plain figures. I will say oughly gone into, with the result that confu that I didn't eat much breakfast. My

on was soon worse confounded, for either wife was a little nervous herself, and I the took good notice I didn't get any lecture squire could not follow them. Ida, sitting in the drawing room, could continually hear either. It was my victory. I went to her father's ejaculatory outbursts after this the American Fxchange Bank, where I was acquainted, and through it obtained

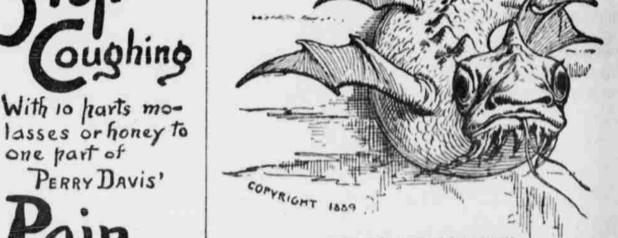
"Why, you stupid donkey, you've added it up all wrong; it's 950, not 850;" followed by the \$15,000. I have the money, and my "No, no, squire, you be a looking on the wife is with me in saying the Louisiana wrong side-them there are the debits," and so on till both parties were fairly played out, State Lottery is a great and honest institution. If a man's health is ailing he and the only thing that remained clear was that the balance was considerably on the orgets his aliments under the happy ancipation of winning something whether This was the state of affairs, when the door ne does or not."-St. Louis (Mo., Starbell rang and Edward Cossey, looking par-ticularly handsome and rather overpower-Sayings, January 3.

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