

"Certainly. Just take the trash away, CHAPTER XI.-(Continued.) "O, my dear Miss Nevergail, the Fates certainly have befriended me this time! self inform Dr. Elfenstein." To think that I should have met thus "You will not do that, surely, uncle

your beautiful self, just as you start on a ramble, is too fortunate for belief! Which direction shall we go, for I at once since you wish it also, but not until you constitute myself your devoted attend- promise to say nothing to him about it." "Well, have it your own way; but if I "Mr. Glendenning, you will excuse me do not, perhaps Miss Nevergail will."

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"She dare not! she knows it would If I decline your services. I came out for a quiet walk by myself, and therefore shall not certainly trespass upon your of a few flowers that were his gift, in his "Parden me, my angel, my time is of doing so."

"Pard: a me, my angel, my time is of no consequence at all. I must insist upon accompanying you, as I could never al-low so lovely a lady to stroll around without a protector." doing so." So saying, regardless of Ethel's be-seeching words and looks, the spiteful girl left the room with her ill-gotten treasures, and Ethel saw them no more. without a prot

"Sir," said Ethel, now really losing pa-Sir Reginald remained excited, cross tience, "there is no danger certainly to be met in the short walk I intend to take scene, and poor Ethel found it almost

be most in the short waik I intend to take scene, and poor later found it amost in your uncle's grounds. But since you aver otherwise, I shall instantly return." "You will do no such thing," was the impolent reply, as Robert sprang to her side, seized her hand, and drawing it firmly under his arm, held it tight, and firmly under his arm, held it tight, and it contact and the sub-intermed all wave to be a sub-intermed all wave to be all wave to be a sub-intermed all wave to be a sub-intermed all wave to be a sub-t subthus drew her back to the walk. "When I propose walking with a charming girl, I usually do it." Therefore it remained, and when Dr

usually do it." "Sir, release my hand. I have no de sire to go further. I shall merely add that your presence is disagreeable, and your words of flattery almost insulting." "Notwithstanding that, my dearest his offering, nor heard of the hard words she had endured on account of his girl-

CHAPTER XIL

"I am neither your 'dearest girl,' nor friendly gift.

your 'angel,' and you have no right to address me in that style. I am your uncle's secretary and amanuensis, and am here merely to carry out his wishes, so justly repulsed by Ethel in the and work, not to be attended by you in grounds of the hall, he feit exceedingly

and work, not to be attended by you in any way whatever," returned the indig-nant Ethel, disengaging her hand, and re-turning towards the house. "Miss Nevergail, go, since you are so determined, but remember, although you decline my friendship, nothing you may do will provoke my ennity, and be-fore many days con will enced hours in the File of the hall, he felt exceedingly and the more he pondered over the coldness of this beautiful girt to-wards himself, the more he felt inclin-ed to punish her want of appreciation of his merits as a handsome, wealthy and popular young man. Immediately after his last adventure may do will provoke my enmity, and be-fore many days you will spend hours in my company, voluntarily."

my company, voluntarily." Ethel made no answer, and the next moment, re-entered the hall, leaving the

moment, re-entered the hall, leaving the chagridied youth to his bitter reflections. In one of Dr. Elfenstein's visits he had been presented with a quantity of exceed-ingly choice flowers by a grateful patient, and suddenly remembering the dismal life Ethel Nevergail was leading, he resolv-ed to divide them with her. Driving, then, first to his own home before meeking the hall, he selected the most beautiful, and forming them into a

most beautiful, and forming them into a Bob, I wish you would help me." graceful bouquet, drove into the ramble with them in his hand.

Belle was in the drawing room and I do not care to have her sent away. She 

the room she had left:

e room she had left: "I will stay here and watch for his turn. Something seems to tell me that eturn. those flowers are for that odious Ethel room a few moments, when she heard the Nevergall. If they areevergail. If they are-"" following conversation take place, which gave her a plan upon which to work. bly, but the ominous look in her eyes told Sir Reginald had received a note from of bitter feelings that would seek some a neighbor in reference to some very impetty revenge. Ethel was passing through the upper hall to her room when Dr. Eifemstein wishing some intelligent person to see ran lightly up, and as he pronounced her name to detain her, she tarried until he to the matter, he had explained his viewa reached her side.

Where may your curiosity have take.

"My curiosity, Mr. Glendenning, took We seek no more a daily prize, Nor triumph in our dreams, me nowhere. I have merely been to transact a matter of business for Sir So changed the inster of the skies, Reginald and am now on my way home. So faint and few the gleams. Being in a hurry, I would be glad to pass Yet comes anew, when others play, That unforgotten thrill,

"Not so fast, not so fast, my pretty And are we dull and old to-day, girl; surely you will linger awhile in this Or only children still? romantic place, now that you have some We loved the battle once, but now

one to enjoy the beauties of the wood We are not overbold, with you? 'No, Mr. Glendenning," was the digni- There's wisdom on the weary brow

fied reply; "I cannot linger a moment. Sir Reginald desired my immediate return, and I cannot keep him waiting." "Nevertheless, my sweet creature, he And then we are not overwise, will wait; for you cannot return just now, as I intend for once to fully enjoy But simple children still

our society."

So saying, the bold young man at-tempted to take her hand, to draw it under his arm. Snatching it instantly away, Ethel fix- Not ours to scale the viewless height, ed upon him a stern look and ordered him to stand aside.

Not heeding her in the least, he impu-dently slipped his arm around her waist, exclaiming: "Perhaps you would like this way of

walking better. It makes no difference Shaking off his arm, Ethel pushed him But when the children whom we love

may, Ethel found that he kept perseveringly by her side. As they emerged from the woods, Rob-

ert grasped her arm firmly with one hand, while with the other he produced from his pocket a pistol, which he in-atantly pointed at her. "Now, Miss Nevergall," he said, "you stand still and hear what I have to say,

or take the consequences. I do not in-tend to harm you, if you keep perfectly quiet; but I do intend to show you that I am master of the situation at this time. You need not look round for assistance, for I assure you, no soul comes this way

at this hour." Into bars and splotches of golden ra-"Robert Glendenning," at last issued diance, lay all about them as they

quires my presence immediately." appreciates a proposal of marriage "So do I; and, what is more, I intend

"No, air!"

"Yes, sir, you mean. If you do not mean it, it makes no difference, as ride

These words he enforced by planting and, in return to the suppose I owe you permission to in-

he knew it, but for the sake of carrying "Thanks for the permission," said his point, he intended fully to frighten the man, still in his stolid manner. "I

"I will do all I can to reduce her abominable pride, I assure you, though one step towards that phaeton." (To be continued.)

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religious earnestness the tastes of the and replied: an. He never felt it nece

And in our hearts the cold. Yet in the light of enger eyes We lose the wintry chill. The visions of our giorious youth Have faded long ago: We hope no more to find the truth, And should we care to know? But there's a purple hill, And still we gladden at the sight And climb as children still. How much of all the good we planned Is perfect or begun? Who watched the lifting of God's hand, And waits for his "well done"?

aside indignantly, then with rapid steps pressed onward. Not a word more was spoken by either, although, to her dis The hearts of children still. -London Saturday Review.

CHILDREN STILL.

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F ROM the open windows came ballroom on the further side of the house, softened by distance. Moonlight, broken up by intervening trees

from the girl's pale lips, "put up that walked up and down the veranda. pistol instantly and allow me to pursue "The right kind of a woman always my way unmolested. Sir Reginald re appreciates a proposal of marriage

to have it, so he must wait. Do you see Coming from you it is the much more that horse and phacton, behind those to be valued, but I cannot marry you," trees? They are there expressly to take said the woman.

you riding. I ask you therefore, politely, "I have to thank you for having lis will you favor me with your company?" | tened to me so patiently. Might I trespass a little more upon your good nature and ask permission to discuss the

with me you will. Go forward now, at matter further with you?" once, to that conveyance, and let me "No amount of discussion can profit assist you in; I assure you I will bring either of us, so far as I can see. But. you back to the Hall in good season. Go as I have said, in asking me to marry on! I am determined you shall obey you a great compliment was paid me,

the cold mouth of the weapon against her suppose I owe you permission to in-forehead. Now this pistol, though it dulgs your love for discussion or arguooked formidable, was not loaded, and ment."

her into complying with his strange wish. But Ethel was a brave girl, and though any sense, a compliment, but I am pale, she never even shuddered. Fixing any sense, a compliment, but I am her eyes fearlessly on his, she said in a willing that you should, if you wish, take the manner in which I made it "If you think it manly, or wise, to shoot, shoot away! But I will not stir "If you think it manly, or wise, to shoot, shoot away! But I will not stir "If you think it manly, or wise, to shoot, shoot away! But I will not stir "If you think it manly, or wise, to shoot, shoot away! But I will not stir "If you think it manly, or wise, to shoot, shoot away! But I will not stir

logical faculties, I have made my offer of marriage in perfectly business-like form. I have heard you often declare that a contract of marriage is like Immesse Personal Power Used with any other contract, and should be entered into only when both parties are fully aware of what they are doing." "Do you think women are ever en-

The man looked a trifle surprised scholar and the instincts of the gentle- "At least I give you credit for havary to



ern war is that of keeping open her railroad communications with the western portions of her great empire. Over the single track Siberian railroad must be forwarded all her re-enforcements and supplies, so that any serious interruption of traffic, whether by bandits or Japanese spies, might prove disastrous. The railroad is carefully patrolled in the entire Manchurian region by Cossacks and so thorough is the system of supervision that no serious injury has been inflicted on it, notwithstanding that the country is swarming with bandits, said to be organized and in cases led by Japanese officers. Russian staff officers frequently inspect the line and see that the Cossacks are performing their duties. These officers are mounted on tricycles, with which they readily cover great distances. Our illustration is from the Illustrated London News.

"No, I am not in love-with some other man." "Then why not marry me?"

"I have given you the best of woman's reasons, 'because.' " "But your refusal of me is final, I may take it?"

"Yes"-the "yes" with an almost inaudible sigh, a sigh so nearly inaudible that it did not reach the man. He had thrown away his cigar and stood for a moment gazing out toward the trees. Then he began to speak,

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tria-Hungary, \$15,000,000,000 for Italy and \$12,000,000,000 for Spain. Moreover, the United States' lead of all the other nations in wealth is increas-

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Franklin told the British parliament

"In a Nevergan, I do not allow as I am, but I have brought you a few, hoping they may cheer you in your lonely du was just saying: "Do you think you could find Perkins for me, and attend to this important work. Miss Nevergail?"

"O, thank you, doctor! They will, in deed, as I love them dearly. These are perfect beauties and I shall prize them highly." "I do. I understand your wishes per-fectly now; so if you can direct me there, I will go at once." "You had better not go around the

hair to perfection. Allow me to fasten hall and take a short cut through the it there. May 17" fields. There will only be a couple of

Earle placed it just above her small, white car where it nestled lovingly, add-ing a new charm to her bright young

she heard him pause on the floor above, errand." and then make some remark in a low

tone, came upon the scene. Just in time to see his hand leave the for Sir Reginald, and his strict infuncrose, and to see Ethel turn toward her tion that she should hasten back to his

own room, and disappear with the bou- side. quet in her hand and a gratified smile

leave the premises, and Ethel again re-pair to Sir Reginald's side, the malicious girl proceeded directly to that room, and manage to keep her away?" where she found the flowers carefully bestowed in a fancy vase upon the dress- I will do it. If I cannot keep her in ing case.

tation, she turned directly to the baro-net's room. Ethel sat by the bed, and at his request was striving to cool his heat-strange young man." ad brow by gently moving a fan. Rais-ing her eyes, to her astonishment, she recognized her flowers, but before she could claim them. Belle's angry rolco ar rested her attention. "Ha, hal good; and if she says it was this chap. I will deny it in full." "And I will come in to prove an allbl. Where will you meet her?" rested her attention

"Sir Reginald," she exclaimed, "I think wood. 1 will have a horse and phaeton it my duty to inform you that Miss Nev waiting on this side. There is a wood-ergail seems to have forgotten her posi- man's road there that leads to the main tion as your assistant nurse, and paid road; we can take that, and have a jolly dependent, and seizes every opportunity long ride. But I shall have a fusa to that offers to carry on sly flirtations with get her into the vehicle, I expect; how I just surprised Dr. Elfen ever, I shall manage it some way, never stein placing that rose in her hair outside fear."

your door, while at the same time he gave her these flowers. Do you approve peet the two separated to put in force the such behavior?" mischief they had brewed. "Approve? No! Of course not!" he Poor Ethel left the house without a of such behavior?"

returned, flying into a passion at once, as suspicion of what awaited her; glad, in she well knew he was sure to do. "Miss fact, that she could thus enjoy a stroll Nevergail, what business have you to after the confinement of that close, hard conduct in that style? Did I bring you day. here to form intrigues with gentlemen?" She found Mr. Perkins at home, and

atein is an old friend, and as such he she had been intrusted. presented me with the flowers Miss Glen- This completed, she turned her face my own property now, I will thank her she approached the woods. At their en-for their restoration." So saying, she trance she found, on consulting her reached forth her hand for them.

replieds

"You shall never have them sgain, I i would not have liked being late, after assure you, as I shall instantly see that what he said." every stem, leaf and bud is destroyed. Suddenly she was startled by a sound If you do not know your place better in at her side, then, to her surprise and cha-

this house than to put yourself on an grin, Robert Glendenning stepped direct-equality with its visitors, you must be taught. Do you not think so, Sir Regi-"My dear Miss Nevergail, this is a denaid?" she added, appealing to him.

ached her side. "Miss Nevergall, I do not know wheth-was just saying: to Ethel before Belle had entered, and

"That rose, I think, will adorn your and a half, but go from the rear of the With a pleased blush the young girl bars to lower, and the path is direct and bent her head, and with skillful fingers plain."

face. Just as he was finishing a step approached, and Belle, who could not re-strain her curiosity another moment, as

Seeking Robert at once, Belle informed him of the errand Ethel had to transact

"He told her the whole work could be accomplished by five o'clock. Now, Walting until she had seen the doctor Robert, I think it would provoke him

"Yes, indeed. It will be spiendid fun.

g case. Seizing them without a moment's hesi-tion, she turned directly to the baro-"Do; then 1 will inform his lordship

"Just the other side of the Perkins

Laughing gayly over the fun in pros-

"You certainly did not," was the caim soon explained the cause of her visit, reply, "nor have I done so. Dr. Elfen-and transacted the business with which

denning has taken from my room. Being homeward. All went well with her until But Belle drew back, and scornfully "I shall reach the ball of the four.

"I shall reach the hall just about five." she thought, "and so please Sir Reginald.

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lightful meeting in a delightful place.

concessions to coarseness. In his spot- manner of proposing, that you would less linen, his cassock, his black hose have preferred more of an air of roand silver shoe-buckles, he was a mance, and all that sort of thing?" model of scrupulous precision in personal attire; and his oft-quoted say- this," continued the man in very much ing, "Clenaliness is next to goliness," the same tone of voice that he well expresses the almost fastidious would have used in arguing an imhabit of the man. His dignified, yet portant case before the Supreme gentle courtesy, his refined self-posses - Court. "You are twenty-nine-oc is sion, made his very presence an exam- it thirty?-years old, have a reputaple and an inspiration.

used his immense personal influence or three men who can offer you at with singular wisdom and liberality. least as much as I, but modesty was He had in his hands control of the never a prevailing characteristic of whole system of Methodist discipline; mine, and I have not feared to measbut he did not attempt to bind the ure myself with these other men. members of his societies by narrow or rigid rules, still less to impose upon pretty much anything you desire that them arbitrarily his own judgments. costs money. I stand well in my pro-He was anxious only that Methodists fession, and have prospects of soon

should be good Christians. On doubt- being near the top of it. Altogether, ful matters he did not prescribe or pro- I am satisfied that any one would call hibit, but left the decision in such it a very suitable match all around." cases where it belongs-with the individual conscience. In an admirable case?" inquired the woman, laughing a sermon on amusements, after admitting that much may be said for the drama-he was a lover of dramatic lit- as one of prosecution and defence."

erature himself, and used to advise his said the man imperturbably, "but if preachers to read plays that they might cultivate a natural mode of to admit their applicability. Will the speech-he decides that, for himself, defence rest its case on the testimony he could not go to the theater or play submitted by the prosecution, or will at cards with a clear conscience; but it elect to submit an argument?" he adds: "Possibly others can; I am not obliged to pass any sentence on ment," replied the woman. "I admit them that are otherwise minded. 1

leave them to their own Master; to Him let them stand or fall."-Century. for the two or three other men whom

Cristobal's Joke. A Genoa paper tells this delightful I cannot answer. I have noticed that story at America's expense: When the number of my proposals has been the Duke of Veragua, the descendant failing off of late, and attributed the of Christopher Columbus, visited Chi. fact to a lvancing age-you were tight cago he inquired at the telegraph office when you said I was thirty. I may the charge for a telegram to the city close the discussion by saying that I of Columbus of ten words.

"Fifteen cents," answered the offi- old maid." cial, "not including the signature, against those estimable members of which is wired free." society-the old maids," said the man,

Whereupon the Duke wired: "Mayor, Columbus: Shall visit your city signed it: "Oristobal Colon de Toledo that the cowl of a monk bides either next Monday or Tuesday." And he y Laarentegul de la Cerda Ramirez a disappointed lover or a great rascal, de Baquedanoy Gante Almirante y ion unqualifiediy, I am firm in the be-

ques de Jamaica, Duque de Veragua y de la Vega, Grande de Espana, Senator del Reine, Caballero de la insigne orden del Tolson FOro, Gran Cruz de la Conception de Villavicosa, Gentil

pana." Timely Warning to Noah.

I don't."

York Herald. An old bachelor says that a marriage

dowry is a lump of sugar intended to not based upon the ground that you nullify the bitterness of the dose. prefer some other man?"

worked all these years in vainvulgarize his teaching or to make any do not mean that I have erred in my not altogether in vain-for I am going to kiss you once, here and now, that is left me of your regard." "Now the situation is something like He gathered her in his strong arms and klased her, not once, but many times, on her forehead, on her eyes and done an unpardonable thing which he did not regret.

But the woman held out her arms tion as a beauty, and all that. You And it should be said that Wesley can, I know, marry any one of two him and said: me that you loved me at first."-San Francisco Call.

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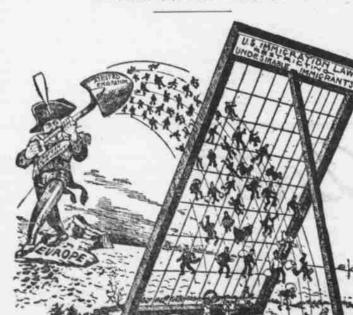
Except China and Russia. It is only by association and comparlson that we can grasp the dimensions represented by the \$0,000,000

Washington estimated were in the ence-"Does the prosecution here close its United States in 1903. This is more "I hardly care to regard the matter

000,000. Computed on the capacity of Press. its units this \$0,000,000 stands for an immeasurably greater productive value than does China's or Russia's total, according to Leslie's Weekly.

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body to admit they remember that you there were no more earths for him to conquer he had fewer subjects than the United States of 19804 has sovereigns. Under Caesar's engles, when Rome ruled the world, were less people | gagement ring. you aver that I can marry at any time.



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ted States. One Genius and Another. "A genius is a genius whether he's population which the census bureau at 'tich or poor. There's really no differ-

"Pardon me, there is a slight differpeople than are in any other nation ence. A rich genius can afford to let in the world except China with its his hair grow long; a poor genius can't 400,000,000 and Russia with its 130,- afford to get it cut."-Philadelphia

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who was disappointed in love or who was too cold-bloodedly selfish ever to marry. Surely you do not come in either class?" "No," said the woman, reflectively, Hombre de Camara del Rey de Es- "T can't say that i do, and yet-"

"Perhaps," said the man, and now

swered. "I'll smash it yet, you see if guessed. Belleve me, I would not

"Noah," excla med the grand old sall- feared he might here touch some old or's wife, "what are you slapping at?" wound unwittingly, "there is in your "Confound that mosquito," he an- life some romance which i have not wound you for worlds, and I trust you

Have you forgotten that we have only "Oh, I am not a blighted being, nev-two mosquitoes in the ark?"-New er fear," this with a laugh that did

have made up my mind to become an

"Far be it from me to say anything

"but I do not think you will ever be

one of them. A wise man once said

lief that every old maid is a woman

"Then° your refusal to marry me la

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"Henry W. Noah, what do you mean? will pardon my clumsy speech."