CHAPTER VII.



Every day now old Iklapel sought out Gilbert and spent an hour or two in eager questioning. He drank in Eric's words with more than childish avidity and belief. To his mind, sharpened by the self communing of more than a century, the wonders of which Gilbert spoke were as the things he had vaguely een in dreams, wonderful, but conceivable. He accepted everything with a sanguine expectation of beholding it himself now that Gilbert had come among the people. Kulcan often sat with them as Gilbert told, though it taxed his meager store of Atzlan words of steamboats, railroads, balloons, canuon, telephones and a thousand other things which we call necessities, but which seemed miracles to the priests. He told them-and sometimes Lela with little Eltza sat by his side the while-of the history of the nations; how while Atzlan had slept so peacefully in the

canyon whole races of men had flourwitty, and always showed a mind of great breadth and power. Of the greed for money he had but little conception, and therefore found the utmost difficulty in understanding much of Gilbert's dis-

course, nor could the latter easily explain it to him. When they discussed tioned Gilbert one warm day, as they sat together in the shade, until the latter had grown tired of talking and was lying upon his back, with his hands under his head, gazing up into the green network above him.

Iklapel mused with a faraway look in

they still live, a nation saved from flood and fire, from wars and famines, to see what their children have done. I, who have kept the record of Atzlan as it has been handed down from father to son for thousands upon thousands of years. inviolate, unchanged, will tell you truly, for with my knowledge and what you have told me I can see how true are all our old traditions. As you have said truly, all the nations of the world tell tis so clouded in fanciful imagery that it seems but a child's story. I will tell you the true tale as my father told me and as it was told to him by his father. word for word, and so on back to the very first father of all.

"Ages ago, so far in the past that the records have been lost from sheer decay, our people dwelt on the shores of a great Cities greater and richer than Atzlan were there, and the people were more numerous than the sands of the lesert. Across the sea there led a narrow strip of land to the city of the gods, which was called At, a wondrous city on a mountain, rich in gold and silver, surrounded by water, and in which resided the great ruler of the whole world-a wise, wonder working king. To him our cities paid yearly tribute, and in his city our priests were taught and sent out to proclaim the truth. There was then no winter, no

cold; it was the summer age. "The dwellers in At were wiser than all other people. They commanded the thunder and the lightning and brought down fire from heaven, as you do. They journeyed on the water in great canoes, and the wind obeyed their commands they sailed by night, for they knew the stars and had a magic guide. They it was who taught the early dwellers on the shores of the sea how to build their nonses, plant their seed, make their rec ords and worship their god. They brought them seed in times of famine, and cattle and fowls. 'Twas said of them that they could see farther than other men, by which I judge they possessed magic tubes, such as you brother, have. Indeed our books show them looking through such tubes toward the stars. They were white and bearded; tis from them we derive the white blood in our people, but they were of greater stature; they were large men, like you. In fact they were a people such as you have told me of—people who know all

"But there came a time, the legends tell, when they grew bold and wicked. defying the gods. Then there appeared in the sky a great serpent of fire. For days it was seen approaching, and all the world trembled with an awful dread. The light of it was terrible, and flames went before its mouth. It devoured the sun, as you can see in our sacred books, which show Quetzal battling with it and conquering it; but that s a religious fable. As it approached the earth grew dry and parched; men room of the temple is a canoe, which field into caverns and deep pits, into has been kept sacredly, that journeyed ous breath. The earth was swept with flame. Then came scathing, grinding showers of stone and sand, tearing "I must see it!" cried Eric. away the forests, filling the valleys, lev eling and burying the cities. Great At cure torches at once." sank beneath the sea, the bridge was de-

from the face of the earth. 'The legends differ, even in our famlly tales; some tell of two who survived | ished city? in their cance, others on the back of the "Many things. Images of gold and turtle; but the common Atzlan tale, the silver, pottery, carved stones, earrings, one we tell the children, is nearer the bracelets, stone axes and knives. The truth. It says that the people first came from a cave in a mountain, where they were entopmied when they fled, with cat-

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been forgotten.

Sometimes he would wander off with the old priest into the woods, for he found lklapel to be a philosopher and full of quaint ideas. His comments upon the first continued to do so the following that the people have continued to do so the found like the people have forgotten their origin, but as they had existed in darkness for so the found lklapel to be a philosopher and full of quaint ideas. His comments upon the found like the forgotten their origin, but as they had existed in darkness for so the people have forgotten their origin, but as they had existed in darkness for so and knew at once that it was metal.

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his eyes for a long time and then turned to the younger man and said:

"You have told me of your people, of the great cities and their wondrous doings. Now will, I tell you of mine, for they are the fathers of all the world.

Older than all the people are they, yet hey gradually came northward, extendthe sacred city"-

north sea. memory of it lingers with us. 'Twas a Still, as he had disappeared, neither rare and valuable metal. After a long Eric nor Iklapel allowed it to rest long ime the cities of the great country of upon their minds, and they continued Xibaba, which had sunk in the sea their examinations of the relics undiswhere a strip of land had been, slowly rose again and were rebuilt. All this was long ago, long ago, before the sea had left these deserts above us, but after brought in the very earliest times from the land from the north, strange in speech and dark, fearful and bloodthirsty. They drove our people back until they were obliged to dwell in the inaccessible cliff houses and build themselves walled towers for defense, for they

"In these passages are huge arches which we cannot build now, and in them we have stored our treasures, vast sums of gold and silver which the priests of the sun for centuries have collected. "Our people built great roadways and

aqueducts in these days which have passed away, which were the wonder of all the nations, who came to us to learn our arts of building, mining, sculpture, painting and writing—the study of the sun, moch and stars, and our religion. "I can show you," continued Iklapel, "many things which came from At ages

ago, when the sea, now dried up, reached nearly to this city of Atzlan." "What? cried Eric in amazement

Have you traditions of the time when the sea was near this place?" "Oh. yes: there was a great sea to the north," said the priest, "and a chain of large salt lakes in a great circle to the east. All this desert was at one time under water, and it was near our city. But it dried away, and the land was white with salt. In the underground room of the temple is a canoe, which mines and wells, to avoid its blighting, often to At and returned laden with much treasure. It is the boat, they say,

"You shall this very day. I shall pro-

"Never mind them," said Eric. troyed forever, and the people perished have a lantern that will outshine all your torches. But what else is there among your sacred relics from the van-

tle and other animals. There was but a dim light, lasting only a few hours each day, but there were two blind men who cheered the dull hours with flute playing.

"One of these struck the roof by the distance of the temple, revealing a large trapdoor, and when Eric arrived he told him to lift it up. It was not easily moved, however, and took several minutes of effort, but it yielded at last, and they descended a ladder into a room about forty-five feet wide, in the masonry of which was imbedded many decorated yellow slabs, with a glazing fare also once or twice with a smile, "I've played the game my people call poker many times, I'm sorry to say—too many times in fact—and I've tried for also once or twice with poor recommendation."

"One of these struck the roof by the ground floor of the temple, revealing a large trapdoor, and when Eric arrived he told him to lift it up. It was not easily moved, however, and took several minutes of effort, but it yielded at last, and they descended a ladder into a room about forty-five feet wide, in the pinon orchards, he turned to Eric, and after a moment's nervous hesitation he began, "Did my brother ever gamble?"

"Well," replied Eric, with a smile, "I've played the game my people call poker many times, I'm sorry to say—too many times in fact—and I've tried for many times in fact—and I've tried for a local point of the pinon orchards, he turned to Eric, and after a moment's nervous hesitation he began, "Did my brother ever gamble?"

"Well," replied Eric, with a smile, "I've played the game my people call poker many times, I'm sorry to say—too many times in fact—and I've tried ful strides in search of him. She held in her hand one of the comical Atzlan dolls made of red clay, whose hideously painted face, surmounted by a shock of black bristles, added to her own look of fright, drove his mission instantly from the play-inched face, surmounted by a shock of black bristles in search of him. She held in her hand one of the comical Atzlan dolls made of red clay, whose hideously p

Then the earthworm mounted and bored until he found himself on the outside of the mountain surrounded by water; this water soon flowed off, leaving only mud. The worm returned to the cave, and the raccoon went up into the mud, sinking into it midleg deep, as the marks on his fur show to this day.

In made his heart beat with a new emotion. He stood by a boat so ancient with a new emotion. He stood by a boat so ancient that it was something serious. And this? The worm returned to the cave, and the length and terminated in a swan's head and neck, well carved and curving that it was one thing serious. And this? The worm returned to the cave, and the length and terminated in a swan's head and neck, well carved and curving that it was something serious. And this? The worm returned to the cave, and the length and terminated in a swan's head and neck, well carved and curving that it was something serious. And this? Brick No. 2 was not very pretentions. It was covered neatly with a new emotion. He stood by a boat so ancient that it was something serious. And this? Brick No. 2 was not very pretentions. It was covered neatly with a looked down, blushed a little, and smillingly explained that she had been dressing the horrible effigy for little Eltza when the old priest fell, and she had had been dressing the horrible effigy for little Eltza when the old priest fell, and she had lurried in search of him without notic-like it was something serious. Brick No. 2 was not very pretentions. It was covered neatly with a new emotion. He stood by a boat so ancient that it was something serious. And this?" Brick No. 2 was not very pretentions. It was covered neatly with a new emotion. The stood by a boat so ancient that it was something serious. And this?" Brick No. 2 was not very pretentions. It was covered neatly with a new emotion. The stood by a boat so ancient that it was something serious. And this?" Brick No. 2 was not very pretentions. It was covered neatly with a looked down, blushed a little, and single the decorator, "an fur show to this day.

"The mud dried away, and the animals began coming up from the cave. This took several days; then came the men. When they were under ground they spoke one tongue, but when they carried a mast inserted in the center of the boat, as there was a forth they had many languages. The forth they had many languages. The earth was then very small; the light were deep, round notches in the center of the loat, as there was a earth was then very small; the light were deep, round notches in the center of the loat, as there was a earth was then very small; the light were deep, round notches in the center of the loat, as there was a earth was then very small; the light were deep, round notches in the center of the loat, as there was a earth was then very small; the light were deep, round notches in the center of the loat at ale of grief and shame. I cannot look you in the face, but I must cannot look you in the face, but I must cannot look you in the face, but I must cannot look you in the face, but I must tell you. We have, as you have seen, a game called titlaca—meaning the unsum that the light when the old priest fell, and she had hurried in search of him without noticing the hard. He took it from game called titlaca—meaning the unsum that the held it. He took it from game called titlaca—meaning the unsum that she held it. He took it from game called titlaca—meaning the unsum the cannot look you in the face, but I must the light was the held it. He took it from game called titlaca—meaning the unsum the cannot look you in the face, but I must the held it. He took it from later the light was the held it. He took it from later the light was the held it. He took it from later the light was the held it. He took it from later the light was the held it. He took it from later the light was the held it. He took it from later the light was the held it. He took it from later the light was the held it. He took it from later the light was the held it. He took it from later the light was the held it. He took it from forth they had many languages. The earth was then very small; the light was as scanty as it had been below; was as scanty as it had been below; edge of the gunwale, evidently made there was no heaven was no heave

fire and stony rain and the floods were | composure to examine it minutely. In | lan. less severe, there survived two people, the bottom of the boat lay several large the progenitors of the Atzlan race—a water urns and a bundle of spears, each with its shaft split and a flint spearhead all the money and cattle which I pos-

their god of evil since that day when, graved with characters slightly resem- rather broadened them, for I think his filled with terror, they saw the sun swallowed up."

A slab of object at first was only to win my postoronze! What was it doing here? Iklasessions. He cast his evil eye upon "Not only a single kingdom was destroyed, but half the world," continued the priest. "All mankind was believed of the same metal in Atzlan, but it had "In this he was unsuccessful, but that to have been swept away in the dire been lost for many years. It was stolen catastrophe, and although we know that from the temple ages ago by a man who rifice, and he is the one who cast the religion Gilbert found him an advanced thinker, a believer in one god—the Creator—but elevated above all forms and cannibals ere they rose to their fortioned Gilbert one worship. He had questioned Gilbert one worship. He had questioned Gilbert one worship. He had questioned Gilbert one worship and cannibals ere they rose to their fortioned Gilbert one worship. He had questioned Gilbert one worship and atthough we know that the destination of the "However," continued Iklapel, "the destruction of the city of Atlantis occurred at a period when mankind had arrived at a state of great learning and civilization, for we know that the most sacredly, yet he had thought more than the decision is made in the presence of three others—priests in high heard of arrows and spearheads and axes the presence of three others—priests in high standing. But she was chosen and you, my brother, saved her and restored her them. The slab had been preserved to me. Then my fortune altered for a time, and I recovered some of my money,

look in his face that ing their settlements along the great left a feeling in Eric's mind that Chalpa rivers, building mounds in imitation of would be a good man to make a target of before very long. Iklapel had seen "They still exist then?" inquired Ikla"They still exist then?" inquired Ikla"They still exist then?" inquired Ikla"They still exist then?" inquired Iklapel, and continued: "These people went | Eric's unpleasant feeling. That Chalpa far to the north and dug deep in the earth for copper on the borders of the well from the evil glances he cast upon We have none of this cop- him, and there seemed something omimuch the same tale of their origin, but per left. It long ago vanished, but the nous in his stealthy hovering and spying.

> a time a wild and savage race overflowed At. They were covered with rude pic ture writing, among which Eric found representations of elephants, kons and camels, distinctly and carefully drawn, animals of which Iklapel had no conception whatever beyond these rude outselves walled towers for defense, for they were not a warlike race.
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> "Since the people lived in the caves and cliff houses, the rivers have cut their way deep into the earth, leaving the dwellings of our forefathers high upon the cliffs, so you may know that many ages have passed since them.
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> "There were boats delineated there boats delineated there somewhat resembling the one before them, and figures in costumes resembling those in the early Toltec manuscripts. Temple fromts and houses, the rivers have cut their way deep into the earth, leaving the dwellings of our forefathers high upon the cliffs, so you may know that any ages have passed since them.
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> "There were seven great cities in the Atzlan country ages ago, but they have vanished, and we know not even where they stood; but we know they were they stood; but we know they were the self-incomplete the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and figures in costumes resumbling the one before them, and by him in exacting his just dues.
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> Kulcan reiterated his statement of the warent of the waren

those of the Maya alphabet, but more in the nature of pictorial representation.

These were similar to the characters

Underlying all his meditations was a upon the slab of bronze, and there stern resolve to settle the affair, as well flashed across his mind a memory of as Chalpa's existence, as a last resort, Plato's statement—that the people of by the argument of the pistol bullet, Atlantis engraved their laws upon colbut he determined to try all other chan-Could it be that this was one of those

thoughts the old priest brought a quaintly carved cedar box, and removing its cover disclosed a double handful of roughly cut gems, the great value of

world with clay and stones and water him. there was none of these on the earth; no man had seen them before. Such is the tradition. The people of Atlantis had no such shining stones, but they had stones such as this," handing Eric an oval of carnelian, with flattened sides. Carved on one face was an intaglio,

finely executed, representing a pyr amidal mountain, with a city surround ing its base, evidently a picture of the fated city. Around the edge was a border of small characters in the ancient. vriting. On the reverse side was cut the Crux Ansata, the mystic Tau, the sacred symbol of the Phallic god of the

few touches to be in working order.

Meanwhile Iklapel had brushed away a covering of sticks, grasses and earth from the ground floor of the temple, revealing a leave transfer of the strides in search of him. She half

as they now lie. This is the legend," said Iklapel, "and it conceals the truth in its mythical language.

"As I have said, mankind took refuge in caverns, but they were all, according been obliterated in the blackness of years. On her bottom he found barnaception of two. Some lived to see the earth swept with water and covered many feet deep with mud and then with ice. They had no food, and they devoured each other until they were exterminated.

studs of pure gold occurred at intervals just under her gunwale, evidently forming at one time prominent features of a painted decorative border which had been obliterated in the blackness of years. On her bottom he found barnacles, black and brittle, proving that she had once voyaged at sea for a long pend occurred at intervals just under her gunwale, evidently forming at one time prominent features of a painted decorative border which had been obliterated in the blackness of years. On her bottom he found barnacles, black and brittle, proving that she had once voyaged at sea for a long pend occurred at intervals just under her gunwale, evidently forming at one time prominent features of a painted decorative border which had been obliterated in the blackness of years. On her bottom he found barnacles, black and brittle, proving that she had once voyaged at sea for a long pend occurred at intervals just under her gunwale, evidently forming at one time prominent features of a painted decorative border which had been obliterated in the blackness of years. On her bottom he found barnacles, last that I had won, and in the endeavor to reclaim it I parted with as much more. I did not feel willing to stop then, but was eager to get my own money back. Then I said I won sixty silver taos. Elated by my success and imaging myself to be blessed by fortune, I tried again and won. But the next evening a long that I had won, and in the endeavor to reclaim it I parted with as much more. I did not feel willing to his own dwelling, where he could attend to his own dwelling, where he could gazed upon this wondrous relic, and it ed I had become a victim to the habit more than once as his bearers moved "But far, far in the south, where the was several minutes before he summoned which dominates all the people of Atz-

wondrous cities then stood on the shores of the western ocean, to which came of the western ocean, to which came but knew of no way to do it.

| but yesterday a horrible thing happened. | I went again to his house and lost all— I went again to his house and lost all-

> rtered or wagered-as the head of the family I possess her-and perhaps you creatures - the handsomest, bravest, may not know that such debts as these are legal. Flushed with the aitsi which forth and roamed about for hours, crazed before. with shame and terror. I thought of self destruction, but what would that self destruction, but what would that But it was delightful, delicious and er, who know all things."

Gilbert reflected for a moment. To him, apart in thought and feeling from Kulcan and his people, the case seemed almost trivial. He could not realize that by the young priest's indiscretion he ger. When he did remember it was might lose the very light of his life. He with a sudden start that caused her to viewed the transaction in a semiludicrous light, and attempted to lay that part of it aside and consider only Kulcan's financial condition, but the priest soon convinced him that his terrible each change of feeling, each mood, alwager was a reality-a most serious and most each thought, as it left its scarcely ception whatever beyond these rude out-lines. There were boats delineated difficulty of an attempt to defeat Chal-there were boats delineated difficulty of an attempt to defeat Chal-

they stood; but we know not even where stood for a rude picture of a modern field of war.

It was with wonder and amazement of them all and stands upon the site of them all and stands upon the site of them. It was with wonder and amazement that Gilbert studied the strange pictures undoubtelly relies of a long past. of them all and stands upon the site of a city far more ancient. Beneath the buildings of this old city are underground passages of weatherful extent, and more splendid than anything we and more splendid than anything we have above ground, for our forefathers which the records were written upon them were with few exceptions unfamoney had been obtained, to play the miliar to him, they having been super-seded by a more convenient if less pic-turesqe method in later times. In these characters he found many resembling

umns and plates of bronze and gold. nels before availing himself of that as a chattel.

Curiously enough, upon his suggesting While he was occupied with these Chalpa's swindling, Kulcan, whose nawhich Eric discerned at a glance. He merely to dawn upon him, but to burst examined them with appreciative eyes, finding among them several diamonds of crushing, blinding flash of conviction, the size of hazel nuts and many fine rubies and emeralds.

"These," said Iklapel, "came from the far south; they are the seeds of the serpent. Before he came and covered the rubies and emeral of the server of his happiness and face him him, and after he had grown calmer he head grown calmer he head dismissed the matter from her mind, for she said: told him that he would endeavor to help

> "But," he inquired, "does Iklapel or Lela know of this?" "Not a word," said Kulcan, "and how shall I tell them? What will they think til far into the night trying to solve the of me

> "They must be told," replied Gilbert, and he then bound Kulcan to forswear gambling forever by an oath which he in the town of Newburg, N. Y., who is devised upon the spot - an oath that superintendent of the street cleaning chilled the superstitions priest's heart as he repeated it, for he feared Gilbert's wondrous powers with a childlike terror. It was plain to the latter that he meant to keep his promise.
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> Sending him to Iklapel with instructure and superintending her own laborers. This is better than it is in some of the

"Alas!" cried Eric, with a sense of real injury at the loss of such a treasure. "I regret the deed now. I should have hesitated had I known the worth of the weapon."

He was trembling with eagerness to see the relies. Almost feverishly he hurried the old man along, and reaching the temple he ran up to his room and brought down his electric light apparatus, long unused, but needing only a few touches to be in working order.

It is clearly upon her respect for his purity of character and lofty thoughts. It is sad story, he felt, would shatter that respect, for he could not realize, he did not even imagine, that she shared the tolerant view that all Atzlan held of the gambling habit. Viewing it in the light of modern ideas, he thought she would be stricken with horvor at the discovery of his folly and shame.

Gilbert's eye motioned to him to follow him. The young priest led the way him. The young priest led the way

was as scanty as it had been below; there was no heaven, no sun, no stars. So a council was held and a committee appointed to make these. They made the heavens and set the stars in patterns of bears, birds and such things, but a wolf rushed in and scattered them about as they now lie. This is the legend," said study of pure gold occurred at intervals inst under her gunwale, evidently made by the abrasion of paddles, for thus she appointed to make these. They made the heavens and set the stars in patterns of bears, birds and such things, but a wolf rushed in and scattered them about as they now lie. This is the legend," said it conceals the truth in its list full meaning.

"The younger priests," resumed Kul-can, "have always played this game among themselves, as do all our people, but I had always, by Iklapel's advice, avoided it, and knew not even how it was a played until a year ago. Then in an evil hour I ventured a wager against list full meaning.

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had grown dark, and the moonlight was pouring down into the canyon, making the walls of the city gleam like marble palaces; the air was still moist and filled they came here from the sea, and they built new cities and populated the earth. But it took many ages to do this, and ago decayed. On the stern thwart restwith the sound of the river as it gurgled

arms up to him, loading them about his neck with a lingering, clingarms up to him, folding them slowly thrill through him, winelike, overpowering. She drew him down and held his face against hers for a long time, with closed eyes; then slowly their lips crept nearer, nearer, until they came togethe in one long drawn kiss. It was moreit was a marriage-a blending of two hearts made for each other, a reunion of two souls that in all the economy of the universe had been formed to be one that had been seeking each other for ages per-haps and had met at last. Such at least was Eric's belief, and it was with a reverential feeling that he kissed the noble forehead of this beautiful, angelic creature who so wondrously found it possible ungraceful man. He said as much in

fact, and she answered: "Oh, my darling, don't you know you are an inspiration when she comes to write. M. HELEN FRAZER LOVETT. tenderest, wisest of all men on earth? and much more to the same effect, addhe provides, and dazzled at the chance ing that the wonder was that he could find anything to love, to admire in her, a savage thing, etc. All this was so and tried to recall any heat regretted and tried to recall my hasty words, but it was too late. I had lost! I staggered that they imagined it had never occurred

would have reconciled a man to endure look up into his face in alarm and whisconstantly, and she had grown to read

seemed unworthy of much and win when his luck turned would he not win

But when Eric, somewhat piqued at her indifference—the passiveness of a woman resting in her lover's arms— told her of Kulcan's last and most des-perate wager the color fled from her heeks, leaving them ashen in the moonlight, and with terror in her eyes she threw her arms wildly about his neck

"I am lost! I am lost!" Not for an instant did she discredit the legality of the transaction; its full meaning and horror were plain to her, and for a moment she forgot her lover's power, seeing only the awful, unavoida-ble fate before her—to be torn from his arms, a victim to the lust of a depraved

A convulsive shudder shook her fran and her clasp upon Eric's neck was like the clutch of a drowning woman as she self clung to him in her fear. But only for a moment. Then, like Kulcan, she turned to him for help and strength. "You will save me, my darling

I forgot you for a moment. Yes, I was frightened, but now I'm p t. It has her mind, for she said:

"Now take me home, dear, for it is growing late, and my eyes are heavy with sle And Eric did, and then lay awake up

It is pleasant to think of that woman

d world, which has puzzled the savants rages.
"What a treasure," thought Eric, "to tions to relate his story to the old priest, Gilbert went to Lela with much reluctance, for he knew that her love for her tance, for he knew that her love for her tance.

Five clean, new, perfectly plain bricks lay on the floor, and the girl who had brought them in surveyed them with "I suppose," said the scoffer, "you are going to wind them with ribbons and put them on the parlor table."
"Not exactly, but come around a week

from today and see those bricks, and you'll wish you had them. They are all to be useful, and some of them orna-

Seven days later the scoffer was introduced to a group of articles which she failed to recognize.

which the scoffer smiled) and had loops of ribbon for handles. "This is a ribbon weight. You know the best way to keep ribbons nice, the children's hair ribbons for instance, is to fold them up and put them under a weight. One generall puts them under the pincushion, but that's a makeshift. This makes a capital press for ribbons and for gauze veils as

Brick No. 4 formed the foundation for a pin and needle cushion for the sewing table, too heavy to be mislaid or taken

And brick No. 5? Well, she confes that that had been left in its una

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by an order of the county court of Yambill county. Oregon, duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of William A. Detmering, deceased

Therefore all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and grequired to present their claims to me at Dayton, Oregon, properly verified, within six months from the date hereof.

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