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One fact we had very speedily discovered—the Indians would do nothing to help us to reach the outer world.

In spite of the danger from dinosaurs (which is not great save at night), we as I may have said before, they are mostly nocturnal in their habits.

They will soon come now, Massa Malone. Before another week pass I can come back and bring rope and fetch you down.

I had one strange experience as I came from this second visit which had involved my being away for a night from my companions.

As I went along the well remembered route I had reached a spot within a mile or so of the mouth of the pterodactyl when I saw an extraordinary object approaching me.

lenger. That's one of my jobs. No, I don't want your company. I'm safe in this cage, and you are not.

I took the slip of bark to the fire-light, and we examined it together. It was about a foot square, and on the inner side there was a singular arrangement of lines, which I here reproduce:

They were neatly done in charcoal upon the white surface and looked to me at first like some sort of rough musical score.

CHAPTER XXI. An Opening in the Cave. HERE is a dry bituminous wood upon the plateau—a species of araucaria, according to our botanist—which is always used by the Indians for torches.

of rock had appeared before us, with no chink through which a mouse could have slipped. There was no escape for us there.



"The moon, by George!" cried Lord John.

"Seventeen from the right and second from the left. This is the cave, sure enough."

"Well, it is marked as a forked cave, and in the darkness we passed the fork before the torches were lit.

It was indeed the full moon which alone straight down the aperture which opened upon the cliffs.

CHAPTER XXII. A Wonderful Demonstration. HIS entrance of the four heroes of the occasion was the signal for a remarkable demonstration of welcome.

useful for bridging the chasm. At least we shall have no difficulty now in carrying our packages when tomorrow we begin to make our way back to the Amazon.

The excitement which had been caused through those parts of South America which we had to traverse was imagined by us to be purely local, and I can assure our friends in England that we had no notion of the uproar which the mere rumor of our experiences had caused through Europe.

It was for the second evening after our arrival that the great meeting had been fixed. For the first we had each, no doubt, our own pressing personal affairs to absorb us.

And now I turn to the last supreme eventful moment of our adventure. As I was racking my brain as to how I should best describe it my eyes fell upon the issue of my own Journal for the morning of the 8th of November.

THE NEW WORLD. GREAT MEETING AT THE QUEEN'S HALL. SCENES OF UPROAR. EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENT. WHAT WAS IT? NOCTURNAL RIOT IN REGENT STREET.

"The much discussed meeting of the Zoological Institute, convened to hear the report of the committee of investigation sent out last year to South America to test the assertions made by Professor Challenger as to the continued existence of prehistoric life upon that continent, was held last night in the greater Queen's hall, and it is safe to say that it is likely to be a red letter date in the history of science, for the proceedings were of so remarkable and sensational a character that no one present is ever likely to forget them."

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Professor Challenger's beard may be more shaggy. Professor Summerlee's features more ascetic, Lord John Roston's figure more gaunt, and all three may be burned to a darker tint than when they left our shores, but each appeared to be in most excellent health.

"When quiet had been restored and the audience resumed their seats after the ovation which they had given to the travelers the chairman, the Duke of Durham, addressed the meeting.

Professor Summerlee's rising was the signal for another extraordinary outbreak of enthusiasm, which broke out again at intervals throughout his address.

"It had been hoped that the proceedings would end there and that a vote of thanks and congratulation moved by Professor Sergius of Upsala university would be duly seconded and carried.

position had been evident from time to time during the evening, and now Dr. James Illingworth of Edinburgh rose in the center of the hall.



"Attempts were made to pull him down."

Dr. Illingworth began his remarks by expressing his high appreciation of the scientific work both of Professor Challenger and of Professor Summerlee.

heard from the press box to ask leave from the chairman to put Dr. Illingworth into the street.) A year ago one man said certain things. Now four men said other and more startling ones.

Was the London Zoological Institute to place itself in this position? He admitted that the members of the committee were men of character.

It was possible that in this age of ingenious manipulation photographs could be accepted as evidence? What more? We have a story of a flight and a descent by ropes which precluded the production of larger specimens.

"Lord John Roston—Is this fellow calling me a liar? (Uproar.)" "The Chairman—Order! Order! Dr. Illingworth, I must direct you to bring your remarks to a conclusion and to move your amendment.

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