THE-LOST WORLD

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CHAPTER XXIII. Challenger's Great Surprise. I is difficult to describe the con fusion caused by this amendment. A large section of the audience expressed its indignaat such a slur upon the travelers by noisy shouts of dissent and cries of 'Don't put it!' 'Withdraw!' Turn him out! On the other hand, sthe malcontents-and it cannot be denied that they were fairly numerouscheered for the amendment, with cries of 'Order!' 'Chairl' and 'Fair play! A scuffle broke out in the back beaches, and blows were freely exchanged among the medical students who crowded that part of the hall. It was only the moderating influence of the presence of large numbers of ladies which prevented an absolute riot. Sudlealy, however, there was a pause, a

hush and then complete silence. Pro-fessor Challenger was on his feet. "It will be within the recollection of many present,' said Professor Challen-'that similar foolish and unmannerly scenes marked the lest meeting at which I had been able to address them. On that occasion Professor Summerlee was the chief offender, and though he is now chastened and contrife, the matter could not be entirely forgotten. I have heard tonight similar, but even more offensive, sentiments from the person who has just sat down, and though it is a conscious effort of self effacement to come down to that person's mental level, I will endeavor to do so in order to allay any ressonable doubt which could possibly exist in the minds of any one.' (Laughter and interruption.) 'I need not re-mind this audience that, though Professor Summerlee, as the head of the amittee of investigation, has been put up to speak tonight, still it is I bosiness, and that it is mainly to me that any successful result must be uscribed. I have sufely conducted these turce gentlemen to the spot mentloned have, as you have heard, conone was so dense as to dispute our ences with those interesting creatures." number of corroborative photographs hands, while the audience gave one showing the conditions of life upon the long, deep sigh of relief as they realpleteau. Did they accuse them of hav- | ized that the incident was over. ing forged these photographs? (A wolce, 'Yes,' and considerable interrup- what took place then-when the full tion which ended in several men being exuberance of the majority and the were open to the inspection of experts. was naturally impossible to bring a log many new species. Was this not epidence?' (Several voices, 'No.') 'Who

"Dr. Hlingworth (rising)-'Our point In that such a collection might have been made in other places than a prehistoric plateau.' (Applause.)

Professor Challenger-'No doubt. ser, we have to bow to your scientifiactority, aithough I must admit that the name is unfamiliar. Passing, then, both the photographs and the entomo never before been elucidated. For exprecoductyl' (a voice, 'Bosh,' and up-"Or. Illingworth—'No picture could

convince us of anything." "Professor Challenger-You would require to see the thing itself?"

"the Hillingworth—'Undoubtedly."
"Professor Challenger—'And you would accept that?
"Dr. Hillingworth (laughing)—'Beyond

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so dramatic that it can never have been paralleled in the history of scien-tific gatherings. Professor Challenger raised his hand in the air as a signal, and at once our colleague, Mr. E. D. Malone, was observed to rise and to make his way to the back of the platform. An instant later he reappeared in company of a gigantic negro, the two of them bearing between them a large square packing case. All sound bad hushed in the audience and every one was absorbed in the spectacle before them. Professor Challenger drew off the top of the case, which formed a sliding lid. Peeling down into the box, he snapped his flugers several times and was heard from the press seat to say, 'Come, then, pretty, pretty! in a coaxing voice. An instant later, with a scratching, rattling sound, a most horrible and loathsome creature appeared from below and perched itself upon the side of the case.

"Even the unexpected fall of the Duke of Durham into the orchestra, which occurred at this moment, could not distract the petrified attention of the vast audience. The face of the creature was like the wildest gargoyle that the imagination of a mad medieval builder could have con ceived. It was malicious, horrible, with two small red eyes as bright as points of burning coal. Its long, sav-age mouth, which was held half open, was full of a double row of sharklike Its shoulders were humped, and round them was draped what appeared to be a faded gray shawl. It was the devil of our childhood in per son. There was a turmoll in the audi--some one screamed, two ladies in the front row fell senseless from their chairs, and there was a general movement upon the platform to follow their chairman into the orchestra. For a moment there was danger of a general panic. Professor Challenger threw up his hands to still the commotion, but the movement alarmed the creawho am the rest prime mover in this ture beside him. Its strange shaw suddenly unfurled, spread and fluttered as a pair of leathery wings. Its owner grabbed at its legs, but too late to hold it. It had sprung from the and I have, as you have heard, con-vinced them of the accuracy of my pre-the Queen's hall with a dry, leathery vious account. We had hoped that we should find upon our return that no putrid and insidious odor pervaded the room. The cries of the people in the Joint conclusions. Warned, however, galleries, who were slarmed at the by my previous experience, I have not near approach of those glowing eyes come without such proofs as may con- and that murderous beak, excited the vioce a reasonable man. As explained creature to a frenzy. Faster and fast-Professor Summerlee, our cameras er it flew, beating against walls and had been tampered with by the ape chandellers in a blind frenzy of alarm. men when they ransacked our camp, and most of our negatives rulned, (Jeers, laughter and Tell us another! from the back.) I have mentioned the line blands in an agony of apprenic and I cannot forbear from hension. Alan, his warning was too stying that some of the sounds which late! In a moment the creature, beatnow meet my ears bring back most ing and bumping along the wall like wividly to my recollection my experi- a huge moth within a gas shade, came upon the opening, squeezed its hideous (Laughter.) 'In spite of the destruction | bulk through it and was gone. Proof so many invaluable negatives, there fessor Challenger fell back into his still remains in our collection a certain chair with his face buried in his

pot out of the hall.) . The negatives full reaction of the minority united to make one great wave of enthuslasm, But what other evidence had they? which rolled from the back of the hall, flinder the conditions of their escape it gathering volume as it came, swept over the orchestra, submerged the large amount of baggage, but they had platform and carried the four heroes rescued Professor Summerice's collec away upon its crest?" (Good for you, tions of butterflies and beetles contain- Mach "If the audience had done less than justice surely it made ample amends. Every one was on his feet. Every one was moving, shouting, gesticulating. A dense crowd of cheering men were around the four travelers. 'Up with them! Up with them!' cried hundred voices. In a moment four figures shot up above the crowd. In valu they strove to break loose. They were held in their lofty places of honor. It would have been hard to let togical collection, I come to the varied | them down if it had been wished, so and accurate information which we dense was the crowd. Out in the being with us upon points which have street the scene was extraordinary. An assemblage of not less than 100,000 ample, upon the domestic habits of the people was waiting. The close packed throng extended from the other side of roar)—'I say that upon the domestic the Langham hotel to Oxford circus. Its lists of the pierodactyl we can throw A roar of acclamation greeted the four s flood of light. I can exhibit to you adventurers as they appeared, high from my portfolio a picture of that above the heads of the people, under creature taken from life which would the vivid electric lamps outside the hall. 'A procession! A procession!' was the cry. In 'a dense phalanx,

blocking the streets from side to side,

the crowd set forth, taking the route

of Regent street, Pall Mall, St. James'

street and Piccadilly. The whole cen-

tral traffic of London was held up, and

many collisions were reported between the demonstrators upon the one side and the police and taxi cabmen upon

"Then-oh, how shall one describe

the other. Finally it was not until after midnight that the four travelers were released at the entrance to Lord John Roxton's chambers in the Albany and that the exuberant crowd having sung 'They Are Jolly Good Fel-lows' in chorus, concluded their pro-gram with 'God Save the King.'"

One word as to the fate of the London pterodactyl. Nothing can be said to be certain upon this point. There is the evidence of two frightened women that it perched upon the roof of the Queen's ball and remained there like a diabolical statue for some hours. The next day it came out in the evening papers that Private Miles of the Coldstream guards, on duty outside Mariborough House, had deserted his post without leave and was therefore courtmartialed. Private Miles' account that he dropped his rifle and took to his beels down the mall because on looking up he had suddenly seen the devil between him and the moon, was not accepted by the court, and yet It may have a direct bearing upon the point at issue. The only other evidence which I can adduce is from the log of the steamship Friesinnd, a Dutch-American liner, which asserts that at 9 next morning, Starr Point being at the time ten miles upon their starboard quarter, they were passed by something between a flying goat and a monstrous bat, which was heading at a prodigious pace south and

CHAPTER XXIV.

I Hurry to Claim Gladys. ND Gladys-oh, my Gladys-Gladys of the mystic lake, now to be renamed the Central, for never shall she have immortal ity through me. Did I not always see ome hard fiber in her nature?

Let me tell it in a few words. No letter or telegram had come to me at Southampton, and I reached the little villa at Streatham about 10 o'clock that night in a fever of alarm. Was she dead or alive? Where were all my nightly dreams of the open arms, the smiling face, the words of praise for her man who had risked his life to hu mor or whim? I rushed down the garden path, hammered at the door, heard the voice of Gladys within, pushed past the staring maid and strode into the sitting room.

"Gladys!" I cried. "Gladys!" She looked up with amazement in her face. She was altered in some subtle way. The expression of her eyes. the hard upward stare, the set of the lips, was new to me. She drew back

"What do you mean?" she said. "Gladys," I cried, "what is the matter? You are my Gladys, are you not -little Gladys Hungerton?"

"No," sald she; "I am Gladys Potts Let me introduce you to my husband. How absurd life is! I found myself mechanically bowing and shaking hands with a little ginger baired man who was colled up in the deep arm



"No," said she, "I am Gladys Potts."

chair which had once been sacred to my own use. We bobbed and grinned in front of each other.

"Father lets us stay here. We are retting our house ready," said Gladys. "Oh, yes!" said I.

"You didn't get my letter at Para?"

"No; I got no letter."
"I've told William all about you." said she. "We have no secrets. I am so sorry about it. But it couldn't have been so very deep, could it, if you could go off to the other end of the world and leave me here alone? You're ot crabby, are you?"

"No, no, not at all! I think I'll go." I was through the door when a fantastic impulse came upon me, and I went back to my successful rival.

"Will you answer a question?" asked.

"Well, within reason," said he. "How did you do it? Have you searched for hidden treasure, or discovered a pole, or done time on a pirate, or flown the channel, or what? Where is the glamour of romance? How did you get it?"

He stared at me with a hopeless ex pression upon his vacuous, good nat ared, scrubby little face.

"Don't you think all this is a little too personal?" he said.
"Well, just one question;" I cried.
"What are you? What is your pro-

fession?" "I am a solicitor's clerk," said be-

econd man at Johnson & Merivale's, 41 Chancery lane." "Good night," said I and vanished,

like all disconsolate and broken heart-ed heroes, into the darkness, with grief and rage and laughter all sim-mering within me like a boiling pot. One more little scene and I have

done. Last night we all supped at Lord John Roxton's rooms, and, sitting together afterward, we smoked in good comradeship and talked our adventures over. It was strange under these altered surroundings to see the old, well known faces and figures. There was Challenger, with his smile of condescension, his drooping eyelids, his intol-erant eyes, his aggressive beard, his huge chest, swelling and puffing as he laid down the law to Summerlee. And Summerice, too-there he was with his short brier between his thin mustache and his gray goat's beard, his worn face protruded in eager debate as he queried al! Challenger's propositions. Finally, there was our host, with his rugged, eagle face and his cold, blue, placier eyes, with always a shimmer of devilment and of humor down in the depths of them. Such is the last pic-ture of them that I have carried away. It was after supper in his own sanc tum-the room of the pink radiance and the innumerable trophles-that Lord John Roxton had something to say to us. From a cupboard be had brought an old eigar box, and this he laid before him on the table.

"There's one thing," said be, "that maybe I should have spoken about be fore this, but I wanted to know a little more clearly where I was. No use to raise hopes and let them down again. But It's facts, not hopes, with us now. You may remember the day we found the pterodactyl rookery in the swamp -what? Well, somethin' in the lie of the land took my notice. Perhaps it has escaped you, so I will tell you. It was a volcanic vent full of blue clay." The professors nodded.

"Well, now, in the whole world I've only had to do with one place that was a volcanic vent of blue clay. That was the great De Beers diamond mine of Kimberley-what? So you see I got diamonds into my head. I rigged up a contraption to hold off those stinking beasts, and I spent a happy day there with a spud. This is what I got."

He opened his clear box, and, tilting it over, he poured about twenty or thirty rough stones.

"Perhaps you think I should have told you then. Well, so I should, only I know there are a lot of traps for the unwary and that stones may be of any size and yet of little value where color and consistency are clean off. There fore I brought them back, and on the first day at home I took one round to Spink's and asked him to have it roughly cut and valued."

He took a pill box from his pocket and spilled out of it a beautiful glittering diamond, one of the finest stones that I have ever seen.

"There's the result," said be. "He prices the lot at a minimum of £200, 000. Of course it is fair shares be tween us. I won't hear of anything else. Well, Challenger, what will you do with your fifty thousand?"

"If you really persist in your generous view," said the professor, "I should found a private museum, which has long been one of my dreams."

"And you, Summerlee?" "I would retire from teaching and so find time for my final classification of the chalk fossils."

"I'll use my own," said Lord John Roxton, "In fitting a well formed expedition and having another look at the dear old plateau. As to you, young fellah, you, of course, will spend your in gettin' married."

"Not just yet," said I, with a ruefu "I think, if you will have me that I would rather go with you."

Lord Roxton said nothing, but a brown hand was stretched out to m cross the table.

SYNOPSIS

EDWARD MALONE, newspaper man, is to love with Chalys Hungerton. She tells him the man she loves must do some brave act. Malone gets an assignment to interview Professor Challenger, explorer. When Challenger and Malone meet Chalonger proclaims Malons an impostor, and hey have a fierce personal encounter.

Challenger expresses a liking for Ma-one when the latter refuses to have him arrested. The professor then proceeds to show Maione proofs of a prehistoric land Malone reports to McArdle, his city ed-itor, that Challenger is not an imposter and that he has arranged to be present at a scientific meeting of professors.

There's a great demonstration in the hall when Professor Challenger arrives Challenger asks for volunteers to go on an expedition to the prehistoric land.

The meeting finally decides that Pro-fessor Summerice, Lord John Roxton, sportsman and traveler, and Malone go to South America to prove or disprove Chal-lenger's statements. On their departure Challenger gives them a letter to open on a certain date.

When the day and hour arrive the let-ter is opened. A blank sheet falls out. They are about to denounce Challenger when he arrives on the scene.

The party finds a signpost and a skele-ton. The skeleton plainly is that of Ma-ple White, of whom Professor Challenger had apoken.

That there is malevolent humanity on the plateau is made plain when a huge rock crashea by. The party finally reaches Maple White the dreamland. Their way from the out-side world is cut off by the treachery of

As the party penetrates Maple White Land it is confronted with all kinds of strange plants and animals.

Welrd looking are men are found in the wild country. A stronge lake is named Lake Gindys, after the girl Malone left behind in England. Malone leaves comrades at night for a ramble through the forest. He is con-fronted by a monstrous animal. The beast plunges after him. Malone falls to bot-

Getting back to camp Malone finds his companions missing and the camp in great disorder. Lord John Roxton appears after a time and breathlessly tells Malone that the others have been captured by the ape men.

The ape men are about to threw Sum-merice and Challenger off a cliff when Lord John and Malone, with a deadly aim, kill several of the ape men.

The party joins its forces with the native Indians in a war of extermination of the ape men.

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While the Indians profess friendship for their new allies they refuse to help them reach the outer world. Professor Challenger finally finds an opening in the cliff and the homeward journey begins.

When the party reaches England it is accorded a tremendous ovation. There is a great meeting at the Queen's hall in London.

All skeptics are silenced forever when Professor Challenger releases a pterodac-tyl. The audience is in a frenzy of ex-citement. Malone hurries to claim Gladys, only to find her married to a solicitor's clerk named Potts.

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way of putting the plans into execu

Drill will be compulsory for all underclassmen. They will not be allowed to graduate without it. It will take three hours a week of the students' time, but if the faculty approves, Presi-dent Campbell suggests that this be allowed to count towards the present allowed to count towards the present requirements in physical training. If this arrangement is established, there will be no additional demands made upon the students' time beyond what

upon the students' time beyond what is required at present.
Adjutant General P. C. Harris, United States army, is the representative of the army with whom Dr. Campbell is consulting in regard to the plans for the new department. It is not certain yet what courses is tactics or other military subjects will be of-fered in addition to the drill, but the regents have nuthorized the erection of a full department, and the army officer assigned to this post will rank as a member of the faculty. The United States will furnish the arms and equipment. Students will supply their own uniforms.

their own uniforms.

It is not certain yet, according to Dr. Campbell, just what will be the relation of the present advanced classes in the university to the military requirements. It may be most compared to the person of the venient to apply the new regulation only to the sophomores and freshmen of next year, while on the other hand there is at least a possibility that the rule might be interpreted to include drill as a prerequisite for graduation for all. The former interpretation is declared the more probable.

GREAT CORN WEATHER

Chicago, July 14.—Local thunder-storms in the plains states were ached-uled today to relieve the sweltering middle west from temperatures far above the season average, the weather bureau announced today. Although the Great Lakes region was reasonably cool, elsewhere in the middle west "corn weather" with hot, humid nights will prevail for some time.

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36 Cases in Illinois. Chicago, July 14.—There are only 36 cases of infantile paralysis in the state

University Prepares
for Regular Military Drill

University of Oregon, Eugene, July
13.—From three to five companies of
underclassmen will begin military drill
om the campus of the University of Oregon in September. If peace prevails,
a United States army officer will be
on hand to act as commandant; if a
foreign war demands for its service every officer, Prosident P. L. Campbell

foreign war demands for its service every officer, President P. L. Cumpbell three "suspected" cases, one each at says he will have to find some other Danville, Belleville and Simpson.

Army for the Harvest Has Been Recruited

Washington, July 14 .- An army 50,000 men for harvesting the wheat of the middle west has already been recruited according to reports which reached the United States employment service, labor department today. The men are being mobilized in the southern states of the belt and will move north as the season progresses, reaching the end of their march in three months.

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