the first time in his life, has a spasm of fear creep over him.

An awful thought takes possession of his brain—one that for the moment almost paralyzes his tongue and prevents speech. Why is Mercedes here—how comes she to have such omnipotent power in the palace of the Turkish pasha unless she has sold herself to him to become his latest wife, and this is the case why has she done if this is the case, why has she done this, loving another man all the while?

character well—revenge comes into the life of most people who live under Southern skies, and she—Mercedes—has sacrificed herself in order to get even with the man she worships, but who can find no love for her in re-

What will she do? She is here as the representative of the pasha, and has his hatred for Doctor Jack to look

dumb monster, fear, Jack adhave sold yourself to that wretched Turk?" he asks.

She gives a sort of hysterical laugh.
"I am his wife-we were married
in Paris. I hold an istrument where-by he has sworn to immediately dist of every stave now in his harem, never to displace me. It was ar-red through Don Carlos, who is sure that the knot was tied in

you did not know it. There are a good many things Doctor Jack does not know-for instance, that I was aware of the visit he made Monsieur

Thave done it, and, caramba! a pretty chase you gave me."

She is a mystery to him yet—a man he could fathom, but the motives that influence a woman are beyond the ken of any mortal being, not even excepting herself. He fears Mercedes now, for her power seems to threaten the one he loves—Avis Morton.

"You know why I have come here." You know why I have come here,

her brother—I remember," with a sneer.
"You have it in your power to assist

"Did you not tell me you were here, that your word was law by the power he gave you, until he himself She holds out her hand, and he takes

or Jack should call to his aid. The

fully. year by everything sacred not to we Aleck Morton his freedom. His stred for that man and you is something terrible. He would sacrifice everything in the world to gratify it. Indeed, it was through this channel that I made such remarkable terms with him—in a word, he believes his feelings are equalled by my own."
"Meaning that you, too, hate me,"
sadly, for the future looks dark, indeed, now—Avis seems farther away

That is not true, Senor Jack. My feelings have undergone no change since first we met in Barcelona," she replies, quietly, and a glimmer of the this lovely woman possessed extraor-dinary capacities for good or evil, whichever way she might incline, and now there seems to be a chance that the good angel has dropped a seed in the house, he finds Larry in bed, but the house, he finds Larry in bed, but the house surprise at the couple. Jack calls but the but to and gravely appropries at the pressure of the pre tears of her disappointment, may develop into a glorious tree, bearing fruit fit for heavenly picking.

'Mercedes, you are a mystery to me. In the name of Heaven, tell me plainly why did you marry Abdallah Pa to beat around the bush. ims, not willing longer

She hesitates a moment, and then her reply electrifies Doctor Jack as numan words have never done before: "To save you, Senor Jack," she goes on, quickly, just as when she ac-knowledged her love for him, as if afraid lest he might interrupt her. "I knew you would not give up your plans, and I feared that disaster would overtake all, so I resolved to put myself in a position where I could save you at last, or, if all was lost, die with you."

The faithful Managed muezzin laboriously more opportune period, and face the mo

memory of such a woman's devotion could not reach him? True, in his country women do not say such things, however they may feel, but he does not forget that she is of Spain, and that a little gipsy blood runs in her veins. He will know all—if her resentment goes to Avis she might as wel direct it toward him.

"Of you still regard me as your the most religious people in the yorld, so far as form goes, and the least sanctimonious when it comes to deeds.

Jack and Larry decend together—the ladies have not yet appeared, so at the open windows the two gentlemen sit and talk—it is too early for a smoke before breakfast.

By degrees Larry learns all that has

hate her because she has stolen what and returning a minute is all portion of paper in his hand. Doctor Jack. And yet," with a tremble in the voice, as though a sob chokes her, "I have tried in vain to do so-something comes between me and the thought every time—I believe it is "The train is late—will try to make" reed by which I have been raised, the face of my sainted mother in Heaven. Instead of hating, strange as it may seem. I love Miss Morton—I would save you for her!"

The train is late—will try to make up time to-day.' That is a good joke. It is due to-night at ten. The chances are it will reach here by to-morrow morning," and Larry laughs merrily, while look are strongly and larry laughs merrily.

would save you for her!"

Jack experiences a revulsion of feeling; his fears have flown, and in their place comes the deepest admiration for this noble creature, amounting almost to veneration. The woman who could rise above the weakness of her sex, above social and religious training his country beset with the sin of getallation for wrong-for the vendet.

The one that bears the ferocious Turk," comes the startling reply.

"How the duse did you know he was on that train, Larry?" Jack demands. At this the dude winks, strokes his but he bears in mind that he will wanted to be a religious training his country beset with the sin of getallation for wrong-for the vendet.

DOCTOR JACK.

By St. George Rathborne.

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These things go through his mind with the rapidity of lightning, and a very few seconds serve to convince him that there is no reason to believe dil is best. Of course the mystery of her presentage and presents it houly to his passed by when I looked beyond you. For month's I carried her picture to be an account for the voice almost threat the things and beautiful in his sar his own name.

"You kere, senoritae?" he stammers, and is greeted with a low, elivery laugh.

"You here, senoritae?" he stammers, and is greeted with a low, elivery laugh of the senory shave in this palace obeys my will. If I uttered a signal a score of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were to rapit the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were to rapit the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were to rapit the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were to rapit the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were to receive the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were to rapit the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were to rapit the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were to rapit the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were to rapit the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were to rapit the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and were the senore of faminaries would sweep the garden from end to end and the senore of faminaries would sweep the senore of faminaries would sweep the senore of faminaries would s

omes."

Jack has cause later on to compre-

very night would see us beyond the Golden Horn."

"You go by water?"

Jack hesitates. He believes there is no need of secrecy between Mercedes and himself now that she has bared

below. A telegraph line connects them with the city, and orders will soon be sent them to search every vessel leaving the Golden Horn."

"I have considered that. They will find no one on board the Whistledown

noches."

The vision at the little window disappears—Mercedes has gone to battle again in secret with the great sorrow of libr life, and Jack gazes only at the blank white walls where the now closed trellis shutter marks the fissure.

He has received a lesson on this night he will 'not forget. Henceforth Jack Evans can never smile derisively when a woman's name is spoken in "Avis—Miss Morton—I am off now" when a woman's name is spoken in connection with weakness, for he has seen one woman rise above the level of her sex and grasp qualities that draw her closer to Deity. He holds his breath with awe when he whispers her name, for she has, serrificed her-

Spain. that betokens him the watchful ser-

yet it holds a wondrous power—at sight of it his slaves prostrate themselves before me."

"Then, Mercedes, you have power to open the dungeon doors of Aleck Morton—to set him free before the pasha reaches Stamboul. You will do this—areaches Stamboul. You will do this—areaches Stamboul. You will do this—memory of the past—"

"Stop! That is the last talisman Senor Jack should call to his aid. The succeeding night,

He is more than ordinarily nervous
over this affair—so much is concerned

to cry aloud and fill this game to cry aloud and fill this game to christian. You should have said by my hopes for the future. But it is all the same—useless."

The same—useless are the future of th in it, and there so many chances of trouble, any one of which must upset their calculations. Never before has he Jack has been in love.

They reach the rope—the bent cy-

fuses to tell anything about what he has done, saying the morning will be time enough—extinguishes Larry and the light at one and the same timeon the pillow than he is asleep, thanks life in the wilderness.

Morning dawns, and a fairer one

sun glints the domes and minarets of many a mosque, and from a station near by an aged muezzin laboriously mounts his eminares and in the passing, and so much to be done. Making love is all very good in its place, but when the war is on, the lover must leave tender scenes for a more opportune period. die with you."

Imagine Jack's feelings—can he ever go to a part of the world where the day, for they are the most religious

er—the faithfui Mussulman has a dozen, more or less, periods during the day, for they are the most religious such chances arise among lovers.

el direct it toward him.

Of you still regard me as your happened since their arrival in Stam-"Of you still regard me as your friend, Mercedes, how about Miss Morton?".

Even in the semi-darkness he knows a spasm crosses the beautiful face as he mentions that name, and if imagination he can see fire flash from her eyes, "the most magnificent black eyes I have ever seen," Avis has said of them.

"Avis—yes, I should despise and hate her because she has stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I hoved helonged to me. That is the stolen what I have ever seen," Avis has said of them.

Jack has cause later on to comprehend why she emphasizes those last words, but just now he hardly notices them.

"The peaks is on the way." I have words, but just now he hardly notices them.

"The pasha is on the way. I have received word—he will be here to-morrow night, or the next day. Before a second morning breaks I hope all will be done, and my friend rescued."

"And then you will leave Stamboul never more to return?" with sadness in her voice.

"Yes, indeed. It would not be safe for us here after that. A man like the pasha, bold and unscrupulous as he is poserful, would hesitate at nothing in order to carry out his revenge. We cannot leave Stamboul too soon. Were my plans for departure arranged this very night would see us beyond the

CHAPTER XXII.

Again Doctor Jack sees a busy day before him. Much has to be done in order that all arrangements shall work together and form one piece of meand himself now that she has bared her inner soul to his gaze, and he knows the noble impulse that actuates her, but she notices that he does not immediately reply.

"Do not trouble yourself, Senor Jack, about telling me, yet it was not whelly curiosity that impelled me to ask. The paska has a steam yacht in the says, has a steam yacht in the says as he does not want to commit himself such that the says as he does not want

ask. The pasha has a steam yacht in the harbor, and perhaps—who knows?—this fact might play an important part in the game."

for his services, but try as he will he cannot keep Avis from guessing just how the land lies.

She is filled with wonder and delight She is filled with wonder and delight

part in the game."

"You mistake me, Mercedes. I only hesitated because my plans are not whelly arranged. I have bought a small English yacht—the same captain and crew remain. Somehow we shall all get on board, and make for the Mediterranean."

"Ah! you would never pass the forts below. A telegraph line connects them the same cap shall all get on board, and make for the Mediterranean."

"Ah! you would never pass the forts below. A telegraph line connects them thoughts exposed.

That Mercedes should either hate or

love her is a strange thing, and can only be accounted for upon one hypo-thesis—the Spanish girl looks upon her "I have considered that. They will find no one on board the Thistledown the Prefect of Police in Paris, and guess-bed what his intention might be."

"You see I did not. At the time I was already his wife, and little did I care whether he remained in Paris forever. My business was fo watch you —I have done it, and, caramba! a pretty chase you gave me."

"I have considered that. They will find no one on board the Thistledown the light of a rival, and a successful one, too, or she would not have committed social hari kari by becoming the wife of the Pasha, thus forever putting herself and Doctor Jack apart. As this thought comes into her mind Avis realizes the truth. No word of love has as yet passed between this hero and herself, and she is even now in a dreadful state of suscense regarding his feelings, so it is only natural

her name, for she has sacrificed herself in order to assist the man she
loves and her successful rival. Noble
Mercedes! such a woman honours

Mercedes! such a woman honours

Turks away quickly.

Avis gives one hurried glance around
—they are alone in the quaint Turkish
parlour, Larry smoking outside the
door and watching the crowds swarm

All this while Achmed, the faithful, has remained near by in an attitude

All the betches the betches

He wheels immediately and comes t her side. "You spoke of a secret; is it very important, then ?" shyly.
"It concerns my future—my very life," he answers, looking into her downcast face.

"Well," naively, "you talk of danger -of possibly not wanting to tell it later over this affair—so much is concerned in it, and there so many chances of trouble, any one of which must upset their calculations. Never before has he experienced this fedling, but then the events of the last week have been very hard on even his iron constitution, and besides this is the first time Doctor Jack has been in love.

—or possibly not wanting to tell it later on. If you are going to be killed, there is to be another on. If you are going to be killed, there is to be allowed also at a place Jack points cut, where a black buoy marks some limit —each of the minute. The Yacht is to be an incharge yacht is to be an chord also at a place Jack points cut, where a black buoy marks some limit —each of the men is to wear a fez, and look as much like a Turk as possible, and from the time leaving the yacht was much like a Turk as possible, and from the time leaving and look as much like a Turk as possible, and from the time leaving the chord also at a place Jack points cut, and there are not provided the provided that the the

Jack has been in love.

They reach the rope—the bent cypress tree proves a good guide, and the wall is soon left behind them, until the succeeding night shall once more find them at its rocky face.

Jack has little to say as they trudge back again to the busy haunts of Stamboul, but he does the biggest kind of thinking, arranging the many little details so necessary to his plans.

Larry must, of course, be taken into his confidence. He believes the dude has been having a good time all day, and will be ready to stand by him on the night when Aleck's rescue is to be attempted.

So he separates from Achmed with the succeeding night shall once more find th

him in and gravely announces the new compact that has been formed, whereelse has just retired, for he is wide awake. As Jack desires sleep, he re
awake. As Jack desires sleep, he re
on his toes with all the graces of a

"If I cawn't have Avis myself, 'po 'onah, there's nobody else deserves her but you, old boy," he cries, slapping to a good habit picked up during his which that Hercules smiles.

Then Jack suddenly remembers how tim is passing, and so much to be

"What's that ?" asks Jack, suspici- we might ascertain what he manage

to perform. Passing along the street, he enter Fezes, in the name of the Prophe fezes." This is the man he desires see, and soon a bargain is struck Jack buys a dozen of the Turks' heagear—a ridiculous thing it is, to warm in summer and cold in wint with nothing to shade the eyes—s:

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a boat's crew from the yacht ashor that night, and if they wear this cover ing on their heads they may be mis-taken for Turks, and thus a false clew given that will be of value later

Jack now proceeds to the water's edge. The handsome little Thistle-down is riding to her anchor not a hundred yards away, and a whistle at-tracts attention on her deck. A boat drops into the water and makes for the shore-not pulled by brawny sailorsthat day is past among yacht owners for every well established vacht now has as a tender a twinty-one of twenty-five foot raphtha launch hanging upon davits. If the captain desires to go ashore a match is applied to the generator, a few strokes of the pamp given, and by the time the launch drops into the water the mo tive power is ready that will drive the little beauty at the rate of ten miles an hour through a respectab! sea. It is a pleasure to know that these wonderful engines are a Yankee

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Jack takes to the idea, and for a hour they glide hither and thither, while the American talks and impresses several facts distinctly upon the mind of the captain—that he is to have a boat rowed by four Jack Tars at a certain point at a particular time. to the minute the yacht is to be an-chored also at a place Jack points cut,

he attempted.

So he separates from Achmed with a few parting instructions, delivered sotto voce, which that good man repeats, showing he has laid them to his, heart. There is no danger of his failing Doctor Jack, even if the American asks him to lay down his life,

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