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CHAPTER IV.
What Will the Harvest Be?

A FRENZY of fear and rage overcame her when she found herself in the madhouse committed by Judge Stanley without warrant of law, and she screamed and struggled. The warden and a burly warden overpowered her with difficulty, placed her in a straitjacket and threw her upon the cold floor of the cell, locking the clanging door and left her.

A wild idea suddenly seized Hagar. She staggered to her feet and gazed around. Above her cot, some eight feet from the floor of the cell, was a small barred window. Hagar listened for a moment at the iron barred, heavy oak door, then she unlocked the door, opened the door, and pressed the lockings that held the sleeves of the straitjacket against the flame of the candle. The leather thong in the eyelets at the back of the straitjacket smoked and burned; then, with a great effort, she parted the smoldering thong. To release her from the straitjacket, now her arms were free, but the work of a few moments.

Mounting the table, she drew up the oaken stool and with its sturdy legs she pried the bars from their cemented sockets. The ground was only some ten feet below. She held to the ledge of the window a moment and then dropped. She struck the earth without injury and made off in the darkness, a free woman.

On this very night Colonel Stanley had sent for the doctor to take away the little girl.

At Stanley hall the old nurse was preparing little Esther for the night journey. In his library Colonel Stanley gazed in the lamplight at the diamond from the sky and the sealed document he had prepared that would betray the Stanley secret. He heard the sound of the opening of the long French window by the fireplace, and ed, panting, but resolved to have her own. At this apparition the colored arose and faced the wild intruder. "I have come for the child," said Hagar hoarsely. Colonel Stanley felt a sudden pang through his heart. It was the last shock the doctor had foretold for him. He gave a moaning, guttural cry and sank back a dead man!

Hardly knowing what she did, Hagar swept into her bosom the diamond from the sky and the sealed document with other papers on the table. Then, turning, she softly opened the library door and so softly crept by the stairs. Led by unerring instinct, she opened the door upon the landing and entered the room where the child, her own son, the putative heir of Stanley hall, lay sleeping. She marked the elegance of his surroundings as the risen full moon shone in the window, lighting it fully. What should she do? If she left her child here she would be cheating the cheaters. What would be the wild and lawless upbringing she could give her son in comparison to all that would be his as heir of Stanley hall?

As she faltered she heard footsteps outside, and, gazing out cautiously, she held the old colored nurse descending with the little girl, the rightful heir of Stanley hall. Hagar huddled upon the landing place and listened. A wild shriek arose from the colored nurse as she entered the library and discovered her dead master. Then the bell rang in the servants' quarters from the new year pull on the bell rope of the old nurse in the library. And shortly afterward Hagar could hear the nurse was joined by old Ned, the colored butler.

Just at this instant Dr. Lee drove up outside, and soon the great knocker on the door was clanging its iron summons through the house. Two old servants rushed to the door and broke the news of the tragedy to the friend of the dead man. Hagar stole unseen down the staircase and into the library once more. There, cloaked and hooded, stood the little girl whimpering "Wake up, daddy, and kiss me!" Hagar paused. "An eye for an eye!" she muttered. "Then, lifting the little girl

in her arms and stifling her cries of fear and alarm, Hagar, with her burden, passed out of the low French window by which she had first entered and closed it after her.

As the doctor with the two frightened colored servants stood over the dead man in the library, and before the old nurse had noticed the absence of the child, Hagar had come around the mansion to the front. Loosening the strap that held the horse, she entered the doctor's carriage, still holding the child in her arms.

The next morning the news of his young's death reached Judge Stanley. With it were vague rumors and whispered suspicions. Other news came, too—news of the escape of the gypsy woman and the disappearance of Dr. Lee's horse and buggy. The judge stayed not to rejoice at the death of his enemy. He refused even to tell his wife what strange business called him hence, with a pistol in the holster at his saddle side.

In a narrow dell in the Blue Ridge Judge Stanley tracked down his prey. Hagar had abandoned the doctor's exhausted horse and the now broken zig-zag, bearing the child on her slung shoulder, was climbing the rocky trail when she heard the rattle of horse hoofs and heard the voice of Judge Stanley call upon her to halt. She

turned to see the judge on horseback down below, his army pistol leveled at her.

Hagar held up the child, not so much to shield herself as that its pretty innocence might soften the hard heart of the relentless pursuer. But, whether by accident or design will never be known, the heavy explosion of the pistol echoed among the rocks. The bullet whistled past the flinching Hagar and the terrified child. "The horse reared at the crack of the pistol, throwing his rider, breaking the neck of the vengeful judge and dashing his brains against a jagged rock.

Raising the child to her shoulder and supporting her there with her strong right hand, Hagar looked down upon her dead persecutor and called upon him with a gypsy's curse the death of the vulture she had preferred for him when first they met. Then she climbed over the summit of the ridge with her precious burden and was gone.

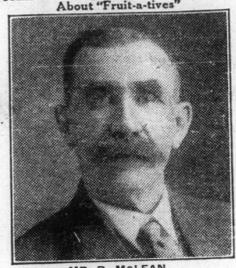
Eighteen years have passed since Judge Stanley's shattered body was found in the mountains, the seat of death upon his lips.

Behold Arthur Stanley 21, master of Stanley hall and wasting his substance in riotous living.

(To be continued.)

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Sofia, via Berlin and London, Nov. 1.—The Bulgarian advance is being continued along front. An account of relations was issued to-day as follows:

"Concerning operations Bulgarian troops continue suit of the enemy on the They advanced west of zevac watershed, between and the Morava.

Southwest of Kujavev, after a violent battle, a ridge whence roads and Bala Palanka.

"In the upper Morava a hard fight was fought, the eljica, which is the junction of the road between Vranja vats, through the Vlesina the region of Katchanik attacked a column which ced, but were repulsed.

"In the course of the p enemy we captured two guns with large supplies of This far we have found 15,000 rifles of various p casks of powder, 15,000 cartridges and large quantities of materials."

SERBIA OUT OF THE

Amsterdam, via London. The Berliner Tageblatt in review of the war claims already has been virtually an obstacle in the path of powers, since the junction Austro-German and Bulg has opened and secured from Berlin and Vienna a tinople.

"Whatever may still be Balkans, which are of the great interest, we can wait future event tan tranquility. The way Minor, and beyond, no longed to us. We must ask whether England and the ers interested in Oriental are still longing for further German energy."

VELES RE-TAKEN

Paris, Nov. 1.—The re Veles, Serbia, by Bulgarians has been officially confirming to a Havas despatch received yesterday.

Veles (Krupnik) on the miles southeast of Uskup, captured by the Bulgarian

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Mounted Rifle Battalion is in Command of Their Milit

The Courier some time a information that Lt. Co Brooks had been entrusted formation of a Mounted talion Canadian Expedition Eastern Canada. He has very busy in connection w portant duties appertaining post and the complete sta been approved as follows:

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Lt. Colonel Brooks sta itary career when he w the Guelph Agricultural C joined "B" battery there for two years. Fifteen y joined as a private in the goons and his promotion edly rapid. He finally be commanding "B" Squad rightly regarded as one efficient officers in Ontar ed to strict military discip sses a most pleasing pe is generally recognized in