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tierd is another rifle. Let us cut for it! When thieves fall out; you know the old saying." They ran back several yards and discovered a kind of chasm leading disconally upward. "Thank God! We can get out of this after all. Are you strong enough for a stiff climb?" "I'we got to be-John!"

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CHAPTER XIII. THE JACKAL'S LAIR, sands, the purple cliffs, the translu-of the heavens, and the group of the rascals jabbering and gesticulat-

t blue of the heavens, and the group of uresque rascals jabbering and gesticulat-and pressing about their chief, made a tathlyn was never to forgat. rs, my little ones!" said the chief, showing strong teeth in what was more of a snarl hle. "There is plenty of time." saned towards Kathlyn. perfectly still, just as you are. I believe ch the knot back of your hands. This is the very thing meded. They will not thention to us for a few minutes, and if I signs, they'll all be at each other's throats

and signs, they it all be at each others throats by." It even if we get free what can we do?" ' thlyn was beginning to lose both faith and. "The sight of her father being led back to Al-by Dinga Ram, after all the misery to which had been subjected, shook the courage which had her up these long, unhappy weeks. For she ted that her father was still weak, and that additional suffering would kill him. Sou musn't talk like that," said Bruce. "You've in tighter places than this. If we can get leave the rest to me. "So long as one can see hear and move, there's hope."

The number, there a basis becoming a coward. Do what you can. I to obey you in all things." to bent as far as be could, and went desperate-work at the knot with his teeth. Success or did not really matter; simply, he did not pro-die without making a mighty strugge to avoid The first knot became loose, then another. n stirred her hands cautiously. "I' he whispered.

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On the palace steps he harangeed the people.

They should be crucified on the wall. Kathlyn's di-plomacy alone averted the tragedy. Finally, with a good deai of rejuctance, Bala Khan gave his word. Bo Bruce and Kathlyn planned to return to Allaha, and it was the khan himself who devised the meth-od. The two young people should stain their skins and don native dress. He would give them two camels outright, only they would be obliged to make. "He will," agreed Ahmed. "He will," agreed Ahmed. "He will," agreed Ahmed. "He will," agreed Ahmed. "The two and they would be obliged to make the journey without servants. "But if harm comes to you, and I hear of it, by the swarm of stinging bees that all Hind shall hear of though you be!" Franking of their multipy, of their prisoners, only to find. - Familiar with the cave and eagerly in pursuit. They rea-ian was worth three bags of ple might naturally be worth usides, being tigers, they had

"He will," agreed Ahmed. "His feet are even now itching for the treadmill." The colonel was taken to one of the palace cham-

"Ramabal, why not strike now?" suggested Ah-med. "Ramabal, why not strike now?" suggested Ah-med. "The promise Umballah has made to the soldiers has reunited them temporarily. Have patience, Ah-med. "The promise Umballah has made to the soldiers has reunited them temporarily. Have patience, Ah-med. "Lal Singh selected a leaf betel nut and began to chew with satisfaction. "Patience?" said Ahmed. "Have I none?" So the call went forth for a bride throughout the

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his back to Umballab, sought the fattleed window, and peered forth. "There are ways." blazed forth Umballah. "Bah! You black fool!" replied the colonel, wheel-ing. "Have I not yet convinced you that all you can do is to kill me? Don't waste your time in tortur-ing me." It will neither open my lifes not compel me to take a character brush in my hand. If my daugh-ter is dead, so be it. At any rate, she is at present beyond your clutches. You overreached yourself. Had you brought her back it is quite possible I might have surrendered. But I am alone now."

"I do.

"You refuse to exercise your prerogat the doors of the treasury?" "I do."

Umbaliah opened the door, motioning to the troop-ers to pass out. He framed the threabold and cud-iously eyed this unbendable man. Presently he would bend. Umbaliah smiled. "Col. Sahib. I am not yet at the end of my re-sources," and with this he went out, closing the

That smile troubled the colonel. What deviliry was the scoundrel up to now? What could be possi-bly do? Later, as he paced wearily to and fro, he saw something white slip under the door. He stooped

Later, as he paced wearly to and fro, he saw something white slip under the door. He stooped and picked up a note, folded European fashion. His heart thrilled as he read the stilted script: "Ahmed and I shall watch over you. Be patient. This time I am pretending to be your enemy, and you must act accordingly: A messenger has arrived from Bais Khan. Your daughter and Bruce Sahib are allve, and more, on the way to Allsha in native guise. Be of good cheer, Ramabai. And Umballah, as he lifted his fruit dish at sup-per, espied another of those siniser warnings. "Be-ware!" This time he summoned his entire house-hold and threatened death to each and all of them if they did not immediately disclose to him the

They errors of them. He had several flogged on Sem al principles. Kathlyn and Bruce returned to Allaha with mishap. Neither animal nor vagabond moles

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So they entered the lion's den, or, rather, the jack-al's. At Ramabai's house Ahmed fell on his knees in sharkfulness; not that his memsahib was in Allaha, but that she was alive. During the evening meal Ramabai outlined his plot to circumvent Umballah. He had heard from one of his faithful followers that Umballah intended to force the colonel lato a native marriage; later, to dispose of the colonel and marry the queen him-self. Suttee had fallen in disuse in Allaha. He, Ramabai, would now apparently side with Umballah as against Col. Hare, who would understand per-fectly. As the the colonel would refuse to marry, he, Ramabal, would suggest that the colonel be married by proxy. However suspicious Umballah might be, he would not be able to find fault with this plan. The betrothal would take place in about a fortnight. The memsahib would be chosen as consort out of all the assembled high caste ladies of the state. Ahmed threw up his hands in horror, but Laf Singib bade him be patient. What did the memsahib say to his? The memsahib answered that she plac-ted herself unreservedy in Ramabal's hands; that umballah was a madman and must be treated as one."

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"God bless those rupees!" he murmured. "There'll be a fine row in a minute. Keep perfectly still, and when the moment comes follow me into the cave. They have left their guns in there." "You sre a brave and ready man, Mr. Bruce." "You are a brave and ready man, Mr. Bruce." "Well, then, John," a ghost of a smile flitting across her lips. Men were not generally sentiment-tal in the face of death. "There are nine of us!" screamed one of the bri-gands. "And I claim one bag because without my help and brains you would have had nothing."" raired the chief. "Who warned you against the opium? Ha, pig!" The first blow was struck instantly the chief drew his knife and lunged at the two nearest him. "Treacher?!"

"Treachery!" "Ha! Pigs! Dogs! Come, I'll show you who is

"Ha! Pigs! Dogs! Come, fill show you who is master!" "Thief!" The remaining brigands closed in upon their lead-er and hore down upon his back. "To the tiger with him!" "Now!" cried Bruce. He flung the rope from his hands, caught Kathlyn by the arm, and, running and stumbling, they gain-ed the cave, either ignored or unobserved by the victorious brigands. They dragged the stunned leader to his feet and haled him to the case, lashing him to a wheel. Next, they selzed the rope which operated the door and relived to the mouth of the cave. "Rob us, would he!" "Take the ilon's where when we did all the work!" "Swine!"



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principality, and was answered from four ponts of the compase. Between the announcement and the fulfiliment of these remarkable proceedings there arrived in the these remarkable proceedings there arrived in the these it was stern. Imbaliah's last card, had she but known the treachery which had lured her to this such as the way of the stern of the stern and sister, and particularly warned to confide in no one and to hide with the utmost secrecy ber destination. (Continued next Saturday.)

