## "Love in the Wilds"

The Romance of a South African Trading Station.

CHAPTER XLV.

Tis a meritorious fair design . "And that is all?" asked Reginald chase injustice with revengeful arms.—SHAKESPARE. Dartmouth, impatiently. "Did you

learn nothing tangible?" More inscrutable than ever, John "Nothing," replied the secretary. Stanfield sat at his table the next "As my master will remember, the morning writing with the same monotime was short and I had no clew. tonous rapidity as usual—as if the past night had been nothing more much may be done."

than an impalpable dream. Reginald Dartmouth fixed his pierc The Hall was wide-awake and the ing eyes upon the inscrutable face. "You have learned your trade in a early risers were strolling about the ful to me, and you know it; but do not grounds, the late ones partaking of attempt to take advantage. What have the choice viands and talking of the you discovered?"

the ripple of their laughter, floated and calamly as before, "has a mysun to the small room and reached the tery."

"That I knew already."

The secretary nodded.

"I am; quite certain."

head upon his hand.

"Ay-and how?"

count."

matter."

and pain of cuts-q

And it is just as wonderful for soothin and healing rough, cracked hands hurns and stubborn little server. Re-

You can almost feel Montholatum heal.

ess's boudoir.

with a woman."

"A woman?"

"And that the mystery has to do

Are you certain of that much?

Reginald Dartmouth sank into the

"By listening to a converstion be-

tween the Countess Vitzarelli and the

"From the room above the count-

nouth, with an eagerness he tried in

vain to conceal. "You have done well

and cleverly. You need not doubt

"Nothing, save broken pieces of con-

versation: but enough to convince me

that a woman is at the hear: of this

"Well, and the next step? I leave

on my hands to give attention to it.

"Good!" said Reginald . Dartmouth

"Have you enough money? Stay-bet-

ter take more. I would not have you

fail me for the want of it. Here are

your reward. You heard -

Once the laugh of Reginald Dartmouth rose above the rest, and at its rare sound the pale face bending over the desk grew dark and full of mean-

Presently footsteps were heard ascending the stairs, and Reginald Dart-

The secretary did not look-wrote

"Well," said his master, closing the this secret. How did you learn it?" door after him and standing opposite the still figure-"well, what have you

John Stanfield looked up, pen still h hand:

"I have answered half the letters, and marked those of which I have to make further inquiries."

Reginald Dartmouth frowned. "I did not ask you that" he said.

sternly. "What have you done toward the work I gave you yesterday?" "But little," replied the secretary. "There has been but little time."

His master frowned again. "Were you watching yesterday?"

"Did you see nothing-note no

"I saw and noted-both, I did more Last night I visited the rooms above and discovered-"

"Yes yes what?" said Reginald Dartmouth, with a burst of impatience utterly unlike his usual calm | me," said the secretary, curtly.

The secretary's eyes flashed behind

"Enough to mark the course."

fifty pounds. Is that amount suffici-

"Quite," said the secretary, taking "With these will hasten to town and get upon the

"Ay," replied Reginald Dartmouth. Spare neither time nor money. Go to London-to Africa, Asia-where you trust you. You'know why? Because am aware you dare not play me

The secretary bowed. Reginald Dartmouth rose and walk-

d toward the door. As he did so the keen eyes of the youth noted the look of impatient agerness in his eyes and smiled dark-

"By the way: what was that cry they were talking about? Did you hear

"No." he said: then corrected him self. "Ah, yes, I remember! An owl I disturbed flew out of one of the room with a shriek. It must have been that that they heard."

Reginald Dartmouth nodded and the next moment had left the room, and his pleasant voice could be heard humming a light, graceful air as he decended the stairs to join his guests. John Stanfield looked after him with

strange gaze. "Money! Ay, I will not spare Reginald Dartmouth! I will go to London; but the countess must wait-

another mystery must first be solved." CHAPTER XLVI. CLOSING TIME AT THE DOCKS. Though authority be a stubborn bear yet he is
Oft led by the nose
SHAKESPEARE.

ing something, the mere shadow and semblance of beauty, from the crimson and yellow rays of the expiring I hope I'm not in the way." plied the secretary, as monotonously king and reflecting in its tarry, greasy water the glory of the heavens.

Here and there, crowded together in a confusion of masts, spars, and rigging that seemed hopeless of disentanglement, lay the big monsters of hastened to reply: the deep, some for unlading, some for lading, others heeled over in dry docks and waiting, like sick elephants, now." for the plasters of copper and iron make them whole again. hair beside the table and leaned his

and heaps sacks of foreign produce you've got in dock just now! wool, hogs-heads of rice and sugar casks of priceless seal-skins and furs, a medley of wealth and riches past all computation save by the gray-haired old dock clerk, who sits in his worm eaten sentinel's box staring placidly at the casks and bales and scribbling with quiet and calm composure with

the illused quill. It is nearly closing time. The dock laborers are wending their way from the scene of their weekly and daily labors. The Malays and sailors, still tied to their ships, helping lade and cutting the piece of negro-head that is to last them until they get home; and the brown and ruddy-cheeked captain, who has brought his wife to look at his good ship, the "Mary

You understand me? What is the next Ann," is just pointing out, as a last "London," replied the secretary, sensation, the top-gallant mast and "London! When do you wish to go? marking the spot with his forefinger "To-morrow-to-night-perhaps towhere poor Tom Bowline fell from it day-as circumstances may guide

in the storm at the Bay. Observing all these preparations for departure with sleepy eyes, much is the old clerk's astonishment to see voung man, with red hair and uge pair of spectacles, come sauntering through the big gates and seal himself right in front of the little sen tinel box, with his face toward the

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"Yes, it's a fine night. Oh, no: you're not in my way! We're nearly closing

and daubs of tar and pitch that are to the youth, shifting a little on the bale All along the quays lie in masses ing. What a splendid lot of vessels

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