SOPHY OF KRAVONIA,

A Novel, by Anthony Hope Author of "Prisoner of Zenda," "The Intrusions Peggy," Etc.

"And the fraud I am—de Gruche!"
She caught his hand tightly. Never before had it occurred to her to defend or to excuse the transparent fiction.
"I know stars fall," he said, with his pretty gravity, not too grave. "I wish that they may rise to their own height again—and I rise with them."

The sun sank behind the horizon. Agentle afterglow of salmon-pink rested over the palace and city; the forest turned to a frame of smoky, brownish black. Casimir waved a hand towards it and laughed merrily.

"Before we were, it was—after we are it shall be! I sound as old as Scripture! It has seen old masters—and great mistresses! Saving the properties, weren't you Montespan or Pompadour?"

"De la Valliere?" she laughed. "Or Maintenon?"

"For good or evil, neither! Do I hurt"

"The volug set a new light to his passion. "You'd weep?" he cried.
"Oh, I suppose so!" The answer was half a laugh, half a sob.
"But not too much! No more than the slightest dimness to the glowing star!"

Sophy laughed in a tremulous key; her body shook. She laid her hands in his. "No more, no more. Surely Marie and the student are bored? Isn't it supper-time? Oh, Casimir, if I were worthy, if I were sure! What's ahead of us? Must we go back? Tonight, up here, it all seems so simple! Does he mean war? He down there? And you'll fight!" She looked at him for an instant. He was close to her. She thrust him away from her. "Don't fight thinking of me," she said.

"How otherwise?" he asked.

She tossed her head impatiently. "I don't know—but—but Pharos makes me afraid. He—he says that things I love die."

The volug solder laughed. "That

"For good or evil, neither! Do I hurt die." "For good or evil, neither! Do I hurt you?"

"No; you make me think, though," answered Sophy. "Why?"

"The niggled—at virtue or at vice. You don't niggle! Neither did Montespan nor Pompadour."

"And so I am to be—Marquise de—?"

"Higher, higher!" he laughed. "Madame la Marechale—!"

"It is war, then—soon—you think?"
She turned to him with a sudden tension.

He pointed a Frenchman's cloquent forefinger to the dark mass of the chat-

He pointed a Frenchman's eloquent forefinger to the dark mass of the chateau, whose chimneys rose now like gloomy interrogation-marks to an unstanbruy!" creid Sophy Grouch.

"No, no—if you die, it's gloriously!" Marie, throwing her tue of lamentation. The hour carried her away. "Casimir, I, "You hird of ill

wish I were sure!"

The spirit of his race filled his reply: "No-I-I-I want you to kiss my

"May I salute the star?"

"My dear, I-I'm very fond of you."

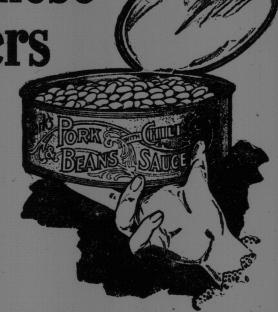
"Enough for tonight! What's he thinking of down there?"

"The Emperor? I'm not so much as sure he's there, really. Somebody said he had started for St. Cloud this morn-

"Pretend he's there!"
"Then of anything except how man
men die for what he wants." "Or of how many women weep?"

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"You bird of ill omen. He'll come back covered with glory."

(To be continued.)



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ner of Stanley and Winter street or a buckboard from King Square to Cas-According to the superintendent of the road, the accident was directly due to the disregard, on the part of Motorman Lucier and Conductor Taylor of the passenger car of their orders to wait at a siding for the freight car to pass.

rible crash, the passenger car being split almost into kindling wood and the freight car badly wrecked. Nearly half of the passengers were badly hurt and scarcely any escaped without slight bruises, cuts or shock. The majority of the injured were taken to the hospital, some of whom were released later. It is expected that all will recover, though the names of William cover, though the names of William Gardiner, Motorman Murphy and Conductor Taylor are on the dangerous list.

FERRY BEACH PARK, Me., Aug. 1.—The 26th annual summer meeting of the Universalists of New England of the Universalists of New Eng



PORT ANCHOR WOULD HAVE SAVED SCHOONER WANDRIAN

Evidence of Mate Crossley in Inquiry Into Cause of Vessel's Grounding Directly Contradicts That of Captain, Who Said Both-Anchors Fouled-Much Interest in What the Second Mate Wil

Considerable interest is being taken, particularly by shipping people in the inquiry now going on before Captain James J. Lilley, acting wreck commissioner of the Marine and Fisheries Department, into the cause of the stranding of the schooner Wandrian, at Little River, Me., on the 27th of December last. Hon. H. A. McKeown is representing the owners, the N. S. Lumber Co., in the matter, while F. R. Taylor is appearing on behalf of the underwriters, the vessel having been insured.

Captain Card's evidence yesterday was to the effect that both the star-board and port anchors became fouled sideways on the rocks.

The vessel, he said, was pulled off the rocks by the U. S. revenue cutter Woodboard and port anchors became fouled when an attempt was being made to lower them, while the mate swore that no attempt was made to lower the port anchor at all, which, if put down, he said, would have undoubtedly saved the vessel from going on the rocks.

This morning the second mate will give evidence, and there is much speculation as to whether he will corroborate Captain Card or Mate Crossley, whose stories are in sharp contrast.

The investigation began yesterday morning.

The vessel, he said, was pulled off the rocks by the U. S. revenue cutter Woodbury.

Capt. Card was cross-examined by Mr. Taylor with reference to the damage the schooner received and the details of the disaster, Capt, Card stating in reply to one question that the vessel was only a cable's length from the shore.

At the afternoon session of the inquiry Capt. Card's testimony was concluded and Norman Crossley, the mate, was examined. His evidence differed very materially from that of the cap-

morning.

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accident which is likely to prove fatal marred an interesting programme of motor cycles held in this city today in connection with the old home week celebration. In the final heat of the five lebration, room of the The Care of the Alle Care of the Care of th PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 1.-An mile handicap race at the Hils Grove track late this afternoon. J. L. Picker-Think of a remedy that relieves sharp, shooting pains in any part of the body in from one to three hours and effects a pernament cure in a few days.

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