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Picture to yourself, if the pigments on your pallette are bright enough, a landscape blazing with primary colors; stainless skies of vivid blue, a dazzling ribbon of white surf, red sandstone cliffs, and, in the foreground, a field of cloth of gold embroidered lavishly with millions of yellow popples. Here, twenty-four hours later, I found the sanctuary, the home of the Gerards, a comfortable, red tiled cottage, encompassed with broad verandas, lawns and shrubberies, and groves of oypress and eucalypti. The faithful Greek, Demetrius, received me. My first impressions of this remarkable man are worth recording. In his physical aspect I could find no clue to his character. He stood before me a colossus, impassive and impressive, reminding me, absurdly enough, of the Matterhorn as I first saw it from Zernatt. How sharply that grim peak pricked my fancy! And yet its profile alone was visible. The loveliness of its lower slopes, the glory of gorge and glacier, the horror of crevasse and precipice, were shrouded with shadow, obscured by distance. I knew from heresay what lay between me and the summit; but between the Greek and me, between experience and inexperience, was an abysa not lightly to be bridged. "Glad to see you, sir," he said, respect-

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"Glad to see you, sir," he said, respectfully. There was no trace of a foreign accent. "I had my master's telegram, and your room is prepared."

He led the way to a comfortable apartiment, simply but admirably furnished, and began to unstrap my valise.
"Sit down," I said abruptly, "I have something of importance to rell you."

I briefly recited my adventure with Burlington. Demetrius listened attentively, his lower lip protruding, his heavy eyelids lowered. When I had finished he refraired from comment, but enquired politely as to the state of the master's health. I shook my head, "He is wearened."

parlor."

I washed hands and face, and Demetrius of brushed from my clothes the dust of Southern California.
"How long, Demetrius, have you known properties."

"How long, Demetrius, have you known Burlington."

"Twenty years."

At the name a sinster gleam illumined his heavy face. That he hated the enemy from the bottom of his heart was plain to be seen.

"How was it," I continued, that he entirely escaped suspicion? I did not press the point with Mr. Gerard."

"In the West, sir, there is a prejudice against Chinamen. Mr. Burlington was editor of the Black Gulch Banner. He said at the time that the murder couldn't possibly have been committed by a white man. We hanged, Fong, a peddler of garden stuff."

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"An easy death," said Demetrius. "I'm sorry they didn't hang me. The life I've led for the last few years is not worth living."

"I't is the life of your choice," I replied bluntly.

He spread out his hands, betraying for the first time the foreigner, and shrugged his massive shoulders. From these gestures I was at liberty to infer what I pleased. A curious apprehension quickened the action of my heart. Was I destined to — I dismissed my fears with an effort, and followed Demetrius to the threshold of the parlor. He pulled saide a portiere, murmured my name, bowed and retreated.

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The contrast between the outward and visible peace of my surroundings (I noticed many books, a piano piled with music, some valuable mezzotints, chintz draperies, bowls of roses, aleep-compelling chairs) and the tumult of my mind made me stammer like an awkward school-boy; but the kindly welcome of Mrs. Gerard soon dispelled my embarrassment. Upon her gentle face were the lines of a great sorrow, but a sorrow so chastened by time and fortitude as to convey to the chserver a pleasing rather than a painful impression. I soon learned that she had the nicest appreciation of what was good,—brave deeds, kind words, ennobling books,—and a lavender-scented prejudice against evil. No longer a beautiful, worn, as distinguished in apperance; her figure was still youthful, her carriage erect, her eyes a limpid blue beneath aching brows, and her hands, the hands of a gentlewomân, long and slender, the skin soft as sâtin and cool to the touch. Upon the palme of these (this I discovered later) were innumerable faint lines, crossing and recossing, the symbols of a thousând cares, and representing against her family a deat of cerard feerard's account "Strange, he made to explain the sunshine and shadow of her outward and inward lives.

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I laughed. Telemuchus blushed, scenting ridicule. The mother sighed.
"At your age," I replied, "I hated books myself, and got little good from them."
He regarded me attentively, and I returned his glance with interest.
"Wate are you going to do with me, Mr. Livingston?"
"That depends upon yourself. I'm under contract to cultivate in you the three Ms,—Mind, Muscles, Morals. We will begin tomorrow with the muscles. You have, last fisch fischer with the mount of the problem."
He sye brightened.
"He is very delicate," said Mrs. Gerard, "and so easily streed."
The boy winced. I liked him better for the pootest.
"I'll make him as stout as a bull,—if," I added, "he will sign articles of partnership. We must work together."
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