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I mean that I want to marry Joce-

And the modern school of reglistic mawkishly foul novelists, who hold



that love excuseth all, would have ing of the girl's name.

"Want to marry Jocelyn, do you?" answered Maurice, with a derisive little laugh. On the first impulse of the moment he gave no thought to himself or his own interests and spoke with undisguised contempt. He might have been speaking to a beggar on the road-

Durnovo's eyes finshed dangerously and his tobacco stained teeth clinched for a moment over his lower lip.

"That is my desire and intention." "Look here, Durnovo," exclaimed Gordon, "don't be a fool! Can't you see that it is quite out of the question?" "No," he said, "I can't see that it is out of the question. On the contrary, it seems only natural that she should marry the man who is her brother's partner in many a little speculation. Maurice Gordon, sitting there staring hopelessly into the half breed's face, saw it all. He went back in a fiash of recollection to many passing details which had been unnoted at the time; details which now fitted into

ach other like links of a chain, and hat chain was around him. He leaped orward in a momentary opening of the and saw himself ruined, disheld up to the execration of the whole civilized world. He was utterly in this man's power, bound hand and ot. He could not say him no, and least of all could he say no to this demand, which had roused all the latent

chivalry, gentlemanliness, brotherly love that was in him. Maurice Gordon knew that water Durnovo possessed knowledge which Jocelyn would consider cheap at the price of her person.
"I don't think," said Durnove, who seemed to be following Gordon's thoughts, "that the idea will be so repellent to your sister as you seem to

And a sudden ray of hope shot athwart the future into which his listener was staring. It might be so. One can never tell with women.

"I don't want you to do anything now," he went on more gently. It was wonderful how well he knew Maurice Gordon. The suggested delay appealed to one side of his nature, the one or two arguments to put forward which she would recognize as uncom-monly strong. I would not bring for-ward those arguments except as a last resource. I would first point out the dvantages. A fourth share in the simiacine scheme would make you a rich man above suppleion independ-ent of the gossip of the market place." Maurice Gordon winced visibly, and his eyes wavered as if he were about

You could retire and go home to gan. England to a cooler climate. This Durnovo came back into the center

of the room and stood by the writing table. His attitude was that of a man holding a whip over a cowering dog. He took up his hat and riding whip with a satisfied little laugh, as if the dog had cringingly done his bidding. "Besides." he said, with a certain defiance of manner, "I may succeed

without any of that eh?" "Yes," Gordon was obliged to admit, with a gulp, as if he were swallowing his pride. And he knew that in say. ing the word he was degrading his sister-throwing her at this man's feet as the price of his own honor. With a half contemptuous ned, Vic-

tor Durnovo turned and went away to keep his appointment with Meredith. Guy Oscard was sitting on the natural terrace in front of Durnovo's house at Msala, and Marie attended to

his simple wants with that patient dignity which suggested the recollecstrongly to the manhood of her fellow servant Joseph and her whilem "I hear the sound of paddles." she

"My ears are not so sharp as yours," said Oscard.

He listened, and after a moment heard the regular glug-glug of the pad-dles stealing over the waters of the still tropic river, covering a wonderful "Yes," he said, "I hear. Mr. Mere-

dith said he would be back tonight." She gave a strange little low laughalmost the laugh of a happy woman.
The two beats came on to the sloping shore with a grating sound, and by the light of the waving lanterns Oscard saw Durnovo and Jack land from the

same boat. The three men walked up to the house together. Marie was at the door and bowed her head gravely in answer to Jack's salutation. Durnovo nodded curtly and said nothing.

In the sitting room, by the light of the paramn lamp, the two Englishmen exchanged a long questioning glance, quite different from the quick interrogation of a woman's eyes. There was a smile on Jack Meredith's face. "All ready to start tomorrow?" he in-

"Yes," replied Oscard. And that was all they could say. Durnovo never left them alone together that night. He watched their faces with keen, suspicious eye. Behind the mustache his lips were pursed up in restless anxiety. But he saw

nothing-learned nothing. These two men were inscrutable. At 11 o'clock the next morning the simiacine seekers left their first unsoftened tone to another. "There is simiacine seekers left described to the another. "There is happy camp at Msala. They had tasted time enough. When I come back I of misfortune at the very beginning, will speak of it again. Your sister is of misfortune at the very beginning, but after the first reverse they returned to their work with that dogged determination which is a better spirit than the wild enthusiasm of departure, where friends shout and flags wave, and an artificial hopefulness throws in its jarring note.

> river, hauling their canoes up on the bank and hiding them in the tangle of the virgin underwood. A depot of provisions, likewise hidden, was duly made, and the long, weary march be-

country might get too hot for your the finding of the simiacine as with the finders, and of these the chief at this time was Jack Meredith. It seemed quite natural that one duty after another should devolve upon him, and he invariably had time to do them all and leisure to comment pleasantly upon it. But his chief care was Victor Durnovo.

When they had been on the march for two months-piloted with marvelous instinct by Durnovo-Meredith made one or two changes in the organization. The caravan naturally moved slowly, owing to the enormous amount of baggage to be carried, and this delay seemed to irritate Victor Durnovo to such an extent that at last it was obvious that the man would go mad unless this frightful tension could be relieved.

An advance column, commanded by Meredith and Durnovo, was selected to push on to the plateau, while Oscard and Joseph followed more leisurely with the baggage and the slower

Victor Durnovo would never know rest now until he reached the spot where the simiacine should be. If the trees were there, growing, as he said. in solitary state and order, strangely suggestive of human handiwork, then Victor Durnovo was saved. If no such spot was found, madness and death ald only follow.

To save his companion's reason Meredith more than once drugged his food, but when the land began to rise beneath their feet in slight billowlike inequalities—the deposit of the glacial age—Durnovo refused to stop for the preparation of food. Eating dry biscuits and stringy tinned meat as they went along, the four men—three blacks and one white—followed in the foot steps of their mad pilot.

"We're getting to the mountains. we're getting to the mountains! We shall be there tonight! Think of that, Meredith-tonight!" he kept repeating with a sickening monotony. And all the while he stumbled on. The perspiration ran down his face in one

ontinuous stream; at umes ne paused

of blood across his cheeks.
The night fell. The moon rose, red
and glorious, and the beasts of this untrodden forest paused in their search for food to watch with wondering, fearless eyes that strange, unknown

It was Durnovo who, climbing wildly, first saw the break in the trees ahead. He gave a muffled cry of delight, and in a few minutes they were all rushing, like men possessed, up a bare slope of broken shale.

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these. He buried his face among the leaves of it, and suddenly he toppled "Yes," he cried as he fell; "It's simia

Victor Durnovo stooped over one of

And he turned over, with a groan of satisfaction, and lay like a dead man.

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