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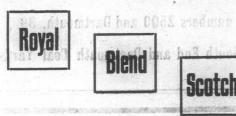
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#### SAVAGE PAPUA.

Some of the Primitive Customs In a Little Known Territory.

Mr. W. N. Beaver, resident magistrate in the Western Division of New Guines, who is now in England on leave, has some interesting things to tell about recent exploration in Papus. Mr. Beaver has been nine years in New Guinea, and for the past five years has been in charge of the Western District, comprising some 20,000 square miles and extending to the boundary of Dutch New Guinea.

Two of the most interesting expeditions in which he has taken part were to the Girara country, which for three parts of the year is almost entirely submerged. The inhabitants are practically unknown, and in their ceremonies and customs are quite distinct from other New Guinea natives. The expedition was despatched to punish the people for a number of murders committed in an inter-tribal raid.

murders committed in an inter-trion raid.

In conversation with Reuter's representative Mr. Beaver gave some interesting particulars of these people, who, he said, claim descent from a dog. They possess five totems, which are drawn on all their houses. Their villages are erected on hillocks so as to be clear of the water, and the people of each village much the people of each village which the people of each village much the people of each village which the people of each village which the people of each village who each village which the people of each village who each village which the people of each village which the people of each village which the people of each village which we will be each village which we will be each village will be each village which we will be each village which we wi

villages are erected on hillocks so as to be clear of the water, and the people of the country and the people of the country the chief is much as 400 to 500 feet long and 60 to 80 feet in width.

A great deal of sorcery prevails in the Western Division. In the wilder parts of the country the chief is himself a head sorcerer. He claims to be able to separate his spirit from his body and to send it on various missions, including that of killing people. Quite recently a number of sercerers went by night to the house of a native, on whom they cast a spell by pointing at him a human bone. They murdered their victim, and after his burial dug up the grave, eating portions of the body for purposes of sorcery.

Notwithstanding the great care taken by the Government cannibalism still exists, and Mr. Beaver narrates that on several occasions he has come upon the scene of a cannibal feast with remains of human fiesh lying around. In every case the actual murderers had decamped on the approach of the constabulary.

It is the custom to cut off the head, arms, and legs of the bodies of the victims, the most prized morsel for purposes of cannibalism being the legs.

The vendetta prevails wherever the Government has not full control. One particular tribe, called the Bina, takes two sets of arms and heads for every one of their tribe who has been killed. Among the Rossel islanders artificial smothering is the usual form of murder, but this has been gradually stamped out by the Government.

Modern Life Too Easy.

Is life being made so mechanically easy that some of our senses are losing their yitality and usefulness? was the question suggested by Sir Gilbert Parker in an address at the Post-Graduate College of the West London Hespital.

Hespital.

A great many accidents, he said,
were due to limited and inadequate
observation. He knew a chauffeur
who could see very well ahead of him,
but if he wanted to see right or left
he had to turn his head to the right

or left.

Every one knew that the trained and educated eye could see right or left without turning the head. It seemed to him that the very nervous excitement of the age was due not to the many stirring noises of the great city life, but to the fact that to the senses was given too little responsibility or rather less responsibility than in olden days.

Something ought to be done, if he were right. He believed that the Roy Scout movement was a step in

Boy Scout movement was a step in the right direction. He should like to add to the Boy Scout training blindfold observation. bindfold observation. Boys and girls should be let loose in fields and streets, under guidance, to feel and hear their way and memorize what they heard or felt.

Home Rule In One Place. One portion of Ireland already enjoys complete Home Rule. The inhabitants of Innishmurry, an island off the coast of Sligo, have for many years defied collectors of both rates and taxes. There is no direct communication with the island, and in a report made to the Local Government Board in 1911 it was stated that the rate collector could find no boatthe rate collector could find no boat-men bold enough to take him across. Some years previously two rate col-lectors who tried to land in Innishlectors who tried to land in Innishmurry were driven off with stones. The population, which consists of about 14 families, is said to be a happy community. One of the islanders acts as a ruler and settles any disputes that ariso, but these are rare. Every summer a priest visits Innishmurry to conduct marriages, and during the rest of the year the islanders hold a service among themselves every Sunday.

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A Redhot Flood.

An example of mixed metaphor was heard at a seamen's meeting at South Shields, an enthusiastic speaker urging the crowd to "take the tide by the flood and grasp it red hot."—London Chroniele.

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### The Siege of the **Seven Suitors**

BY MEREDITH NICHOLSON.

Copyright, 1910, by Meredith Nicholson CHAPTER IV-(Continued.) She had ordered dinner in the gun

room, but I thought this merely a turn of her humor, and I was taken aback when she led the way into a low, heavily raftered room, where electric sconces of an odd type were thrust at irregular intervals along the walls, which were otherwise hung with arms of many sorts in orderly combinations. They were not the litter of antique shops, I saw in a hasty glance, but rifies and guns of the latest patterns, and beside the sideboard stood a gun rack and a cabinet which I assumed contained still other and perhaps deadlier weapons. But for the presence of Miss Ceclia, who was essentially typical of our twentieth century American woman, I think I might readily have yielded to the illusion that I was the greet of some eccentric chatelains who had in-

vited me to dine with her in a bastion of her fortress before ordering me to some chamber of horrors for execu-tion. No reference was made to the char acter of the room. I felt, in fact, that Cecilia rather pleaded with her eyes that I should make no reference to it. And Miss Hollister remarked quite

casually as though in comment upon my thoughts: "Consistency has buried its thou-sands and habit its tens of thousands.

"Consistency has buried its thousands and habit its tens of thousands. We should live, Mr. Amea, for the changes and chances of this troubled life. Between an opera box and a vilia at Newport many of my best friends have perished."

Then with startling abruptness she put down her fork and, bending her wonderfully direct gaze upon me, asked a question that caused me to strangle on a bit of asparagus.

"I imagine, Mr. Ames, that you are a member of some of the better clubs in town. If by any chance you belong to the Hare and Tortoise—the name of which has always pleased me—do you by any chance happen to enjoy the acquaintance of Hartley Wiggins?"

Cecilia lifted her head. I saw that she had been as startled as I. It crossed my mind that a denial of any acquaintance with Wiggins might best serve him in the circumstances. But I am not, I hope, without a sense of shame, and I responded promptly:

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friends. I always see a good deal of him during the winter. His summers are spent usually on his ranch in the west. We dined together two days ago at the Hare and Tortolse, just before he left for the west."
"You will pardon me if I say that it is wholly to his credit that he has forsworn the professions and identified himself with the honorable calling of the husbandman."
"We met Mr. Wierdes while travel."

the husbandman."
"We met Mr. Wiggins while traveling abroad last summer," interposed
Cecilia, meeting my eyes quite frankly.
"Met him! Did you say met him,
Cecilia? On the contrary, we found
him waiting for us at the dock the
morning we salled," corrected Miss.

mm waiting for us at the dock the morning we salled," corrected Miss Hollister, "and we never lost him a day in three months of rapid travel. I had never met him before, but I cannot deny that he made himself exceedingly agreeable. If, as I suspected, he had deliberately planned to travel on the same steamer with my two nicces, the hare only presse for the conduct.

their affairs of the heart."

and

is the time to make

There's a union for comman and cook.
There's a union for comman and cook.
There's a union for hobo and preacher,
And one for detective and crock.
There's a union for blocksmith and painter.
There is one for the printen of course.
But where would you go in this realm of woe,
To discover a guild for the horse?
He can't make a murmur in protest,
Though they strain him both up and down
hill:

proper course."

Then, as though by intention, Miss Hollister dropped upon the smooth current of our talk a sentence that drove the color from Cecilia's face. Though they strain nim both up and dow hill;
Or force him to work twenty house
At the whim of some drunken brutz's will.
Look back at our struggle for freedom—
Trace our present day's strength to its source
And you'll find that man's pathway to glory
Is strewn with the bones of a house.
The mule is a fool under fire;:
The horse, although frightened, atsnds true,
And he'd charge into hell without flinching
Twixt the knees of the trooper he knew,
When the troopers grow old they are pensione
Or a berthor a home is found;
When a horse is worn out they condemn him
And sell him for nothing a pound.
Just think, the old pet of some treoper,
Once curried and rubbed twice a day,
Now drags some raspicker's wagon, "Hezekiah and Mr. Wiggins were the best of friends," was Miss Hollister's another niece, Cecilia's sister. She was named, at my suggestion, for my father, there being no son in the family, and I trust that so unusual a name in a young girl does not strike you as "On the contrary, it seems to me wholly refreshing and delightful. As I recall the Sunday school of my youth, Now drags some ragpicker's wago With curses and blows for his pay. once knew a king of rac Hezekiah was a monarch of great au-

thority, whose animosity toward Sen-nacherib was justified in the fullest degree. The very name bristles with Will two swyce atening will.

I stroked the once velvety mussle.

I murmured the old name again.

He once filled my purse with gold dollars;

And this day I bought him for ten.

His present address is "Sweet Pastures,"

He has nothing to do but to eat;

Or loaf in the shade in the green velvet g:

And dream of the horses he beat.

Now a dog-well, a dog has a limit;

After standing all he thinks his due,

He'll pack up his duds some dark evening,

And shine out for scenes which are new,

But a horse, once he's used to his leather,

Is much like the old-fashioned wife;

He may not be proud of his bargain.

But still he'll be faithful through life.

And I enry the meroiful teamster

Who can stand at the Bar and say: And I envy the merciful teamster.
Who can stand at the Bar and say
"Kind Lord, with the justice I dea
Judge Thou my soul to-day."

# Matchless

field Manor or the willing and devoted companion of her aunt.

In this bewildered state of mind, while we lingered over our coffee, the

she read the name.
"Mr. Wiggins! How remarkable that he should have appeared just as we were speaking of him!" said Miss Hol-lister. "Be sure the gentleman is comfortable in the library, James. We shall be in at once. Mr. Ames, you will, of course, be delighted to meet your friend here, and you will assist us

CHAPTER V. The Strange Behavior of a Chimney. HERE was no reason in the world why Hartley Wiggins should not call upon two la-

He had got into his evening clothes somewhere, perhaps at a neighboring inn or maybe at the house of a friend, for he could not possibly have motored

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I have only praise for his conduct, for in these days, Mr. Ames, it warms my heart to find young men showing something of the old chivairic ardor in "I'm sure Mr. Wiggins made himself orlessly.

"For myself," retorted Miss Hollister, "I should speak even more strongly. He repeatedly served as with tast and delicacy. I had formed so high an opinion of Mr. Wiggins that I learned with sincerest regret that his ancestors were Tories and took no part to the crustel for American independent.

they are not seriously in need of doc-toring," I remarked.
"Flues are nothing if not erratic," replied Miss Hollister. The subject did

in breaking with the mother country, but certainly no man of character in that day could have hesitated as to his Cecilia's eyes were on her plate, but is, who died before he had occupied it, in circumstances I may later disclose to you, which accounts, Mr. Ames, for that figure of Cupid under a pink parasol on the drawing room ceiling. At the first opportunity I shall remove it, as baby Cupids are treconcilable with the militant lovemaking I admire. I consider unbred. "You may not know that Hezekiah is irreconcitable with the mintant love-making I admire. I consider umbrel-las detestable and never carry one when I can command a mackintosh."
"When I'm on the ranch I wear a slicker," said Wiggins. "It's bullet proof, and that I have found at times a dec' I advantage."
We discussed mackintoshes for at

spears and is musical with the trum-pets of Israel. Nothing would make me happier than to meet the young lady who bears this illustrious name." "As to the your knowledge of ancient history, Mr. Ames," began Miss Hol-lister as she helped herself to the cheese—sweets, I noted, were not included in the very ample meal I had enjoyed—"it is clear that you were well taught in your youth. I am not surprised, however, for I should have expected nothing less of a son of the late General Ames of Hartford. As to meeting my niece Hezekiah, I fear that that is at present impossible. While Cecilia remains with me Hezekiah's duty is to her father, and I must say in all kindness that Hezekiah's ways, like those of Providence and the cus-

tom house, are beyond my feeble un-derstanding. In a word, Mr. Ames, Hezekiah is different."

"Hezeklah," added Cecilia, with feeling, "is a dear." "Please don't bring sentime o the table!" cried Miss Hellister. "Mr. Wiggins once informed me in a moment of forgetfulness—it was at Fontainebleau, I remember, when Hezekiah persisted in reminding a one

armed French colonel who was hang-ing about that we named cities in America for Bismarck—it was there as the inn that Mr. Wiggins confided to me his belief that Hezekiah bears a strong resemblance to the common of omestic peach. As a single per that place was charged in the bill at 10 francs, the remark was ill timed, to say the least. But Mr. Wiggins was so contrite when I rebuked him that I allowed him to pay for our luncheon-no small matter, indeed, for Heze-kiah's appetite is nothing if not ro-

Miss Hollister gave so many turns to the conversation that I could reach no conclusion as to her feeling toward Wiggins or Hezekiah Hollister, and, as for Cecilia, I was unable to determine whether she was a prisoner at Hope-

servant appeared with a card for each of the ladies. I saw Cecilia start as

in dispensing our meager hospitality.

dies living in Westchester peared to advantage in Miss Hollister's

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to the indies he turned to me with an almost imperceptible lifting of the brows, but he was cordial enough. If he was surprised or disappointed at seeing me his manner did not betray the leeling. "Glad to see you, Ames. Rather fice weather this." "Even Dal ... couldn't do better," I affirmed with a grin, but he ignored the fling. Cecilia still restlessly, and I felt

with Cecilia in the highway. He had impressed the clerk at the Hare and Tortoise with the idea that he had left New York fr a long absence, and he had apparently camped at the gates of Hopefield to be near Cecilia.

When he had his compliments

When he h paid his compliments the ladies he turned to me with an

Cecilia st. 1 restlessly, and I felt decidedly ill at ease. Miss Hollister crossed to the fireplace and poked the logs.

Just what part Hezekiah Hollister played in the situation was beyond me. If I had not. witnessed Wiggins' clandestine meeting with Cecilia matters would have b.c. clearer to m/ comprehension, bt. his appearance at the house after the colloquy I had overheard from the brier patch was in itself inexplicable. Miss Hollister's singular references to Hezekiah—a person about whom my curiosity was now a good deal aroused—added to the mystery that into ladd the library.

Responsive to Miss Hollister's ener-

Responsive to Miss Hollister's energetic prodding, the flames in the fire-place leaped into the great throat of the chimney with a roar. She turned, her back to the blaze, and looked upon her guests benignantly.

"It all your flues draw like that one in the struggle for American independence. There are times when I seriously question the wisdom of the colonists

replied Miss Hollister. The subject did not appear to interest her, nor had she, by the remotest suggestion, refer-red to the object of my coming. I had sniffed vainly in the halls above and below for any trace of the stale smoke which usually greeted me at once on my arrival at the house of a client. "The house was built, you may not know, for a manufacturer of umbrel-las, who died before he had occupied it, in circumstances I may later dis-

We discussed mackintoshes for at least ten minutes with far more sprightliness than I had imagined the subject could evoke. Then Miss Hollister, after a turn up and down the room, paused beside me.

"Mr. Ames," she said, "would you care to join me in a game of billiards.

gan Adjusting the Logs.

I'm not in my best form but I think we might profitably knock the balls for half an hour." I acquiesced with alacrity I assure

ed it to be Miss Hollister's purpose leave Cecilia and Wiggins alone. I should be rendering Wiggins and Ce-cilia a service by withdrawing, and I was glad of a chance to escape To my infinite surprise they both protested, not in mere polite murmurs, out with considerable vehemence. "It's quite cool tonight, and I don't believe you ought to use the billiard room until the plumber has fixed the radiator," said Cecilia.

"And if you knew Mr. Ames' game I'm sure you wouldn't care to waste time on him," piped Wiggins, whom I had frequently vanquished in billiard bouts at the Hare and Tortoise, where I may say modestly, I had long been considered one of the most formidable of the club's players. Both he and Cecilia had risen, and

we stood, I remember, just before the hearth during this exchange. At this moment a singular thing happened. The fire that had been sweeping in a broad wavelike curve into the chimney was checked suddenly. I had repeatedly remarked the admirable draft, the facile grace of the flame as it rose and vanished. The cessation of the draft was unmarked by any of the draft was unmarke of the draft was unmarked by any of those premonitory symptoms by which a fire usually gives warning of evil in-tentions. The upward current of air had ceased utterly and without appar-ent cause. We was all aware of a chok ing, a gasping in the deep flue, which could not be accounted for by any natural stoppage incident to chimneys the dislodging of masonry or a packing of soot. The former was hardly possible ar . the house was not old possible ar the nouse was not out enough to make the latter theory plausible. From my survey of the flue on my arrival in the afternoon I judged that this particular chimney had been little used.

The smoke now rolled out in billows and drove us back from the hearth. I and drove us back from the hearth. I seized the tongs and poker and began readjusting the logs, without, however, any hope of correcting a difficulty that lay patently in the upper regions of the flue itself. The smoke, after a courageous effort to rise, encountered an obstruction of some sort and ebbed back upon the hearth and out into the room. My efforts to stop the trouble by shifting the logs were futile, as I expected them to be, and I retreated quickly, making. I fear, no very gallant appearance as I mopped my face and eyes.

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