## ALL FOR GOLD.

"Thank you. I'll go and ascertain.' would call particular attention to a mia!"

Balbi made his way to the post ofcirclet, or tiara, in gold, which in all "Bless you, no! A firm in Wardour."

count of insufficiency of address.

was intended for him. The postmas- flotation of 'The Queen of the Cord- vas. But they're not like furniture— "Here, let me get it out for you," ter raised numerous difficulties about illeras,' the new Peruvian Copper more risky—and they're too com- said Taft, and while he did so Balbi's handing it over and required proof Mine in which Mr. Giuseppe Guelfo is mon. of his being the person whose name the moving spirit."

ture, "Pauline Spencer." A puzzled look came into his face, and he gazled at the paper without attempting to read the contents.

They would only be painful to her. You see poor Vipan's last trip was all through that country, and the look came into his face, and he gazled at the paper without attempting to read the contents.

They would only be painful to her. There won't be one left in a week or two. And the worst is I shall have and something that you should take ing the sheet over, read the signa- too.'

"Well, my good man, is it not for these places."

"Yes, yes!" and he glanced at the a long time before she gets over the sheets. The first sentenced, in rather shock of poor Wallace's death. I

13a Mount Street, "London, W.

tainsthe saddest news I have ever re- Dora Colvin and Gerald found their their hands."

tentions. I feel certain, from what intricate labour and minute excelMr. Vipan has told me about you, that his terrible death will be a sad
that tremelyfond. At present his murder- said Dora, gazing at a golden boss or looked round astonished. er has not been discovered, nor can shoulder ornament. "They show so "What's the matter? Do you know I find any trace of your letter and few signs of age or wear.' see me, as it would give me the kept guard over the glass case in

Strada Regia,
"Mollendon.
"Mollendon.
"Signorina,—Your letter has reached me. I leave for England at once.
"At present I cannot speak of the sortow it has brought to my heart. I row it has brought to my heart. I

"Piero Balbi. "The signore's death shall not go unavenged. I have sworn it."

> CHAPTER X. The Faker of Antiques.

"A most curious and unique collecprobability formed a portion of the place, Peru."

Tregalia of the chiefs of the nation of the Incas who owned that section of the country until they were decimated and reduced to slavery and worse by the treachery and cruelty of the Spaniards, under the leadership of the internecine war which in the internecine war which in the internecine war which is set off for that forsaken place, Peru."

'Ah, we were both of us poor men the searched his desk for the proshad a battle with death, and it was long before I was permitted to take the voyage."

'Here it is!" he said at length, the voyage."

'And you are quite strong and well drawing out the paper and glancing at it. "It is no longer ago than I again now?"

Spaniards, under the leadership of for both of us since then, I take thought—six months since—so there's no chance of your getting any in the internecine war which in the internecine war which is the voyage."

"Though the Spaniards obtained vate! But how?" known at the time that much had esto be seen at present in George St. "Your show eh!"



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without a doubt formed a portion of particularly, but I think it was Eng-ous in their conviction that the vari-lish." on order now. It's intended for Earl of Marshfield," said Taft. ous works of art are genuine. We

is a curious coincidence that this gal- altered into samebody else's." Balbi applied for it, declaring that axy of art treasures should have the had been recently travelling, and come before the public just at the had had no fixed address for some time when the attention of the min- out of another, smoke, dirty varn- a small piece of metal had entered time, but that in all probability it ing world has been arrested by the ish, a broken frame and frayed can-the flesh. was intended for him. The postmas- flotation of 'The Queen of the Cord- vas. But they're not like furniture-

You seem in doubt. Had you not Though Pauline is certainly much better read it?"

Not if you get hold of the right care for no one else. They do not thing. I have got hold of the right recognize love, honour, loyalty, viramgramatical Italian was sufficient. suppose nothing more has come to have come to your wealthy London." thers, sisters are nothing to them.

"Nothing! Scotland Yard is just "Sir-Whether this letter will ever as much in the dark as ever." One treach you is very uncertain, as I never knows what they may be doing, have no means of knowing your adbut to all appearance they have givhave no means of knowing your ad-dress beyond what I can gather from en ever the search, and the murder entries in the diary of the late Mr. will be added to the long list of un-two to spare just now. But mind threatened with the jumps."

ceived." And thrusting it into his trouble had not been expended in "Eo, my friend, this is nithing like pocket, Balbi left the office, and it vain. The collection at Messrs. Pond that." he confided all his prospects and in- regal ornaments were marked by the man Guelfo."

enclosure among his papers, although "That is accounted for by the carehe showed met the former the very ful manner in which they were packday before his death, and then as- ed. Each separate article was wrap- was on, nearly a year agosured me he had shown them to very ped in coarse linen and laid by it-young travelling fellow who few. A second enclosure you sent self in the box or chest, masses of murdered.' is in my possession, and has been grass or rushes being used as pads seen by oo one else. In case you between each to keep them from should ever come to England, pray touching," said an attendant, who him?"

aunable to make use of.—Trusting the air it crumbled into dust and this may find you, yours very truly, nothing remained but the iron corner hang the man who killed my friend.

will see you.-Yours in all respect, | That same evening, seated in a

Pizerro, in the sixteenth century, when, taking advantage of the internmake a great deal more directly. cine war which was then raging between two rival chiefs, he poured his "Out of the folly and ignorance of

legions into the country and conquer-silly people. "Ah, that's a rich land to cultiwast hoards of treasures it was well- what is more, I trust you. I'll let "Now, Balbi, I like you. And

"Your show, eh!" "Just now there is a rage for the antique-old furniture, old pictures, old jewelrery, old plate. Anybody

who sets for anybody must cram his house with them." 'And you find them for him?" "No, I don't; I make them for him. What do you think of that?" "Make them!" And Balbi took the cigarette from between his lips and stared at his companion. "Yes, m-a-k-e make them. If they

want a sixteenth century chest they

can have it, with the initials of an

ancestor and the date on it thrown "But the old look-the age."

A little stain, a little acid, some glass paper to take off sharp edges, a crack or two here and there with a "Only I found that mine. At first heavy hammer and plenty of worm- I thought it was a good thing, but holes bored and there you are." later on I learnt what it really was.

this remainder. They have been examined by experts who are unanimon order now. It's intended for the Italian shrugged his shoulders in a

"Ah, and jewellery?" was inscribed upon it.

At length, however, after some deday, Balbi was able to satisfy the down the paper from which she had

"There Gerald, what do you think of that?" said Dora Colvin, throwing and brings in most money. Why, thanks to what you so kindly sent Raynor." authorities, and the letter was handed over to him.

Without waiting to leave the office

the tore the envelope open and turning the sheet over, read the signa
the down the paper from which she had to she had been reading. "Have you time to spare this afternoon to take me to spare this afternoon to take me to see them? We might call for Pauline, in case she would like to go street as ever those rascally Spaniards saw. All London's wild over

"Pauline Spencer! Pauline Spen-little gold image he gave me the court was some figure. That's nothing! 'cer! Where have I heard that name very last time I met him was somethe fore?" he muttered.

"I till gold image he gave me the court to stop for a bit. I dare not turn some figure. That's nothing! 'out too many. We must not discover! "I tell you that it is something,
thing he had discovered in one of smell a rat. Ah, Balbi, mine's a bet-association. They thieve, they rob, "Well, my good man, is it not for these places.

you after all?" asked the official. "Very well. Perhaps you're right. ter game than yours.

"Not if you get hold of the right care for no one else. They do not

"What, You've got a mine?" Balbi nodded. "Good for anything?"

He nodded again.

"Yes, do you?" "Saw him once at an inquest"

"Not Signor Vipan?"

"The very man. You didn't know "He was the best friend I eve

"Everything! Everything!

ing his tobacco through the medium of a "churchwarden."

ing, "we've had enough of it for one "The Signoria is very good," exnight, and I want to see if I can claimed the little man, seizing her tion of valuable relics are now on the latter, pushing the whisky bottle put my hand on that prospectus for hands. view at Messrs. Pond & Verulams, jewellers, of George Street, Hanover Square, consisting of some very ancient gold and silver ornaments and cient gold and silver ornaments and solver ornaments and s

shares now."

"Nothing, my dear Balbi, nothing! have them if they were given to me "Only I found that mine. At first later on I learnt what it really was. The little Italian chickled to him- It is almost worked out. A few months and there will be nothing "I've got a fourteenth century one more in it, and then-". And the manner that expressed more than

"And he ordered it? Madonna words would convey. "Good name! Dio!" cried the little man, with a world of contempt fice. Yes, there was a letter within the glass frame addressed:—

SIGNORE PIERO BALBL,
Cuzco.

Arequipa. Mollendo.

Signore and signored the symbol of sovereignity of the reigning chief. The workmanship displayed in the delicate tracery is exquisite, and although the sign is very unlike any and see it, and it's a hung and see it, and it's a hung and soul. But he has to reckon dred to one he buys it expecielly as with Piero Balbi now though he Peru.

The envelope was dirty, frayed and effect is unique and striking. Art there's a little bit of a coat of arms, knows it not at present. He shall, The envelope was dirty, frayed and effect is unique and striking. Art travel-stained and bore the postal lovers would do well to take adstamps of the three towns named, to-vantage of this opportunity of examps of the three towns named, to-vantage of this opportunity of examining the goldsmiths' work of a contract of the doesn't buy it?"

The envelope was dirty, frayed and effect is unique and striking. Art the doesn't buy it is directly a factor of th

gether with note in pencil and ink amining the goldsmiths' work of a made by numerous postmen stating the exhibition will only their inability to deliver it on action open a few days longer. It the coat of arms must come off or be with a cry of pain the Italian quickly raised his hand, which he had "Wonderful! And pictures?" thrust lownward on the bench in :1"Child's play. Bit out of one, bit lustration of his threat, to ind that

> cyes fell on the bench itself. "Taft," he ecxlaimed suddenly, 'who sists at work here? "A sour tempered fellow named

"What does he do ?" "Works in metal." "Does he design?" "A little at times." "Did he do that?" pointing to

they kill, for themselves alone. They just the same as they would anyone else. If you have one of them with you, get rid of him or you will regret

"Balbi, my dear fellow, you seem

"You mean that?"

Italian.

CHAPTER XI.

In Memory of Wallace Vipan. The following morning Piero Balbi knocked at Lord Oxendale's door in

terity that bespake long practice. someone to do it for them. They'd come, "I cannot tell you how glad I Italian to himself. "My purpose is seems to me that someone must have The other was more sedately enjoy- never risk their own necks; they're am to see you and make your ac- doubled now. Not only shall Signor been closely following my doings in

We are given to understand they Florence when I was there studying some specimens of ancient Venetian that I feared that some misfortune were discovered concealed in an old your antiques without knowing a mine near Caxamalca, in the heart of word of your lingo. That was bethe mountains of Peru, and in all fore you set off for that forsaken jets over the workman's bench hand for you with fever and for some weeks

that I have undertaken. "I don't want them. I wouldn't "Ah, Mr. Balbi, in that lies The BAIRD CO



Thorsday, No flow



strong bond between use But, be-lowing morning, in a state of the "I was going to ask you to take of your companionship with him of into my possession. I went through

on the premises I'd rather heep them speak of him. He was more than a paper," handing Balbi an irregularlybrother, the truest. firmest, most torn piece of tinted yellow paper pocket, Balbi left the office, and it vain. The collection at Messrs. Pond that,

was not until he was in the solitude & Verulams was quite equal to the one the rented that he condescription given in the paper. The one the other day somewhere in your probably come around and see you designs and workmanship were until to the paper. The like anything they had seen before, it I don't know. I'll look for it distributed in life, vengeance results and the paper of the margin of some foreign looks one the other day somewhere in your probably come around and see you designs and workmanship were until to the door. Taft was a moment or like anything they had seen before, it I don't know. I'll look for it distributed in life, vengeance results and the south of the last on one side: that I have since ascerloyal friend a poor man ever had. He which appeared to have been ripped very shortly after his return home, scribed, were of very delicate and "Ah!"

stuck—and as he did so the scuffle of mand—aye, and exact—it to the last on one side; that I have since ascer—the motive for the dastardly crime graceful form, though in this case "I didn't quite like the names on feet was heard, and a figure disap-fraction. This is the chief reason tained represents the back of the

of his active life than anyone." And for the next hour that fair Eng- tion.

was so dear to both of them. Mount Street and inquired if the Sig- have been so good in answering all of advertisement of a tobacconist who noria Spencer was within. On givng his name he was immediately you further today. It is your turn wording of it, though neither his greatest pleasure to meet one who which they were exhibited.

was so highly esteemed by him so "And you have the chest as well?"

was so highly esteemed by him so "And you have the chest as well?"

And in his excitement Balbi ross, was about to meet an English lady, that I have also something which "Unfortunately no. Directly it was went across and seized Taft's hand, more than that, that lady to enclosed to Mr. Vipan at the time this I took an early opportunity of whom his dearest friend was betrothyou sent him the half of the vichaya visiting them again, and I am quite the discovery of the di ed; and the manner in which he had leaf he handed to me, and no one, sure that this small space here," mable to make use of.—Trusting the air it crumbled into dust and his may find you, yours very truly, nothing remained but the iron corner hang the man who killed my friend."

PAULINE SPENCER. clamps, the handles and the lock That very evening the mail-bag for which you see lying in the corner of that the was welcome. Small as this incident was, it went straight to his it for you in a moment."

And Paul
Pauling the air it crumbled into dust and "Everything! Everything! Everything! Everything! The first and intended to have it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was looked for and it had not a distinct that his coming was l

connected with my dear one's murder ed it with a pocket knife. pleted her conquest over the Italian's that I would like you to see. The "Just so, but this date, which ap-

Vipan's death be avenged, but the sig- Peru and have gained a knowledge of noria's grief shall be paid for. Every my discovery. tear she has shed, every pang she tained that I had written to the sig-

also some sacred vessels of great presence, for I haven't forgotten beauty and exquisite workmanship. what you did for me years ago in Unlocking the latter he took out that you were coming to England reveals nothing—" "To me it tells a very great deal !"

exclaimed the Italian excitedly, examining the scraps of white metal. than usual?" "I can almost feel my fingers upon the throat of the murderer of my head and can't smell a thing. friend. He has spun the hemp that long before I was permitted to take shall hang him. Look, look! Arrant fool that he was to let conceit sign his death warrant! Do you see that sign-the sign?" pointing out a roughly engraved circle enclosing a pentagon on each flat sur-

"I had not observed that. Does it mean anything?" she demanded "It is the symbol of a brotherhood! of crime. This is the second time that I have seen it since arriving in There are members here -You will let me take these, signor-

"Certainly. Myself I knew not that they were of any value in your.

quest, but you-" "I can make them speak. I will force them to tell the name of my friend's murderer. They may strive to remain silent, but I will wring the truth from them. Ah, signoria, you have made a great discovery." "Wait a moment. I have something else you must see which may speak to you when it will not to me. I must tell you that Mr. Vipan left me everything by his will, and, in consequence all his papers, notes, manuscripts, journals and the correspondence that he has perserved came into my hands. These have evidently been ransacked by his murderers, and were found by the police, the fol-

Wallace Vipan—"

"The late! Ah, I knew it!" Then with a catch in his voice, "Yes, signore, the letter is to me and contract the long fist of the late with a catch in his voice, "Yes, signore, the letter is to me and contract the long fist of the late with a catch in his voice, "Yes, signore, the letter is to me and contract the long fist of the late with discovered crimes. But go, get your of your companionship with him of into my possession. I went through them and endeavored to bring them to some state of order, and, while down with a catch in his voice, "Yes, signore, the letter is to me and contract the long fist of the late with the late with a catch in his voice, "Yes, signore, the letter is to me and contract the long fist of the late with late with late with the late with late wi being perfectly apparent to me to the workmanship was rude, while on the board. Too many guinea-pigs peared round a neighboring corner. for my visit to England."

whom he was betrothed and to whom the other hand the circlet and the for my taste, and there was that "Yes, yes, I know it. But tell me chambers in Ducie Street. There is something of your travels together. also what I think is a date upon it.

f his active life than anyone."

The Italian turned the paper over, "Si, signoria. Indeed that is so." examining it with the greatest atten-

lish girl and the rough, true-hearted. "Again, signoria, you have made little Italian miner, seated side by an interesting discovery. This scrap side, conversed about the man who of paper, I am almost sure, was torn from the margin of a journal At length Pauline said:

"And now, Mr. Balbi that you few words of printing are part of an That very evening the mail-bag for which you see lying in the collect of the case," pointing out the same.

England contained the following letthe case," pointing out the same.

the property is the case, and the evidence at the property is the case, and the evidence at the inquisit failed to prove whether the case, and the evidence at the property is the case, and the property is the case, and the case, and the evidence at the property is the case, and the property is the case, and the case

> That same evening, seated in a little back room in Frogmore Street, Wandsworth, were two men. The one was smoking cigarettes, which he rolled himself with a speed and dexrolled himself with a "Corpo di Bacco!" muttered the that letter to Signor Vipan. It

> > (To be continued.)

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