PART III.-ORDEAL BY GOLD.

CHAPTER IV. Continued.

All hope had quitted the frigate, and when within twenty miles of the western coast of Kerry, the captain wrote a despatch detailing the disasters, and saying that the vessel might go down any moment, as she was half-full of water, and that, at all events, she would be ashore in two hours. This despatch he placed with other documents in a cask bearing the name of the frigate, and then threw the cask overboard.

So thick was the rain, and so dark the day with clouds, it was impossible to see a mile any way. At half-past twelve, without any abatement of the gale, the wind veered round a little more to the east. The frigate rolled and wal-lowed, and those on board expected her to sink beneath them every moment. Now she presented starboard side to the tempest, and over it the monstrous waves clambered, to fall in a roaring torrent across her decks. Anon, she lay with her port side to the wind, and the yellow green masses of water bounded over her decks, and flew into wavering cataracts under her les. Again she lay before the storm, and furrowed the billows with her shattered stem. The few survivors, lashed to posts and stanchions. were stunned by shocks and numbed

At one o'clock the wind shifted still further into the east, and the vessel took a more westerly direction. At half past two she rounded Cape Clear, and was torn by the blasts out into the open Atlantic. She then had no crew. but

From that time forward the storm moderated. At four the wind crept back once more towards the south. At five it blew due south. At six a moderste gale from the westward of south. Then it fell quickly away, almost to a dead calm, and, until midnight, an open light might have burned in the air.

which held two days.

Bishop's Island. Here, for a while, she come by it? That's what I wan to beat heavily against the cliffs, for it know." was deep water, six fathom, up to the very wall of the island.

The surf was tremendous, although the

breeze was a moderate one, for the turnult raised by the storm had not yet subsided. The sound of her beating against the cliffs roused old Lane. He came out, and saw a thing which he, in some cluster this gold and are let the sound of the summer mentas.

Away and sell it and become a rest man forty-ton yage, t for the summer mentas, all at once, with everything in the world. Offers were the count of Mexican came out, and saw a thing which he, in some cluster this gold and not be the country of t the darkness at first, took for some huge sea monster. But in time, he made out what it really was. Before morning the frigate had settled down and in two days no portion of her appeared above water : she

old Lane married his wife, and bought wealth of the source of wish she knew the Bishop's Island, with all rights to its hawking, hunting, fishing, mines, wood, water and foreshore.

He stranged in a captain and crew done in the strange of wish she knew have a captain and crew were to see a thing, and even if he is a thing in the second support to see a to the greek results of his two crew here to see a to the greek results of his two crew here to see a captain, three men.

The heavy cross whereon his frame

for me. If I tried to to have the gold as sample, but would go into the great world sayed here every one would know of it in stud live. Putting the discovery of the no time. Few people come to Dublin last few days out for somethe was now with unwrought gold. If I was only in my old wilderness down south I could manage the matter much better. But London will do nearly as well. There will be no commotion there because I ask a man to tell me what this yellow prosent standard. Here underly riches world in According to his prosent standard. Here underly riches metal is. According to all accounts my father never showed any gold but coins.

Can it be they were counterfeit? But there were no moulds or dies about the place, and I looked closely."

He wandered about the city in the regisher head of Weatherd Power and like versalistic and like the properties of the wardered about the city in the long—had lain where it now sleep; which John is grantfather and fairly for long to the counterfeit of the city in the long—had lain where it now sleep; which John is properties.

waited until the ticket office was open. | before him, and yet shearse of some

He booked for Euston, and arrived in Everything don porce.

London, worm-out and jaded, that even Andso the strife went of

ness forward, he felt a still greater neces-

sity for oution.

"I'm some judge of good gold by this time, but not infallible. This Bishop's metal is redder than what I have been used to, but it feels much the same weight. If it is gold I cannot be too cautions; if it is not gold there is no use in adding the accountion of forcers to me. in adding the accusation of forgery to my there is an alway in the goal. Let me name. Should it turn out to be real, find out how much, what shall I do? But there! it is no use Accordingly he so to dispose of the future in that way. Let me findout what the metal is."

The first stage of his proceedings was call in three days simple enough. He had brought with time appointed him a few ounces of the metal. The form of those pieces were irregular, but chemist, "that I have not been able to most of them were flat, and very few commence the analysis. I may tell you, had more depth than a third of their however, that I have made a discovery

superficial diameter. He put a few pieces in his pocket the day after his arrival, and strolled along the Strand and Fleet Street.

He entered a jeweller's and produced a piece of the metal about the size of a sixpenny piece.
"Could you make this into a scarf-pin

for me?" ho asked the man behind the The man took the piece of metal,

said: "Certainly. What pattern will you

haveit?"

and pin. If you wish, we could add a little. Suppose we make the head of this, and the pin of some we add."

"That will do very well, thank you. You will try to match the color?"
"We shall match the color exactly, so that it will seem all of one piece." "Do you think that a piece of good

"Yes, it seems a good piece."
"Of course, you know gold by the look and weight.

years passing it through my hands.

alloy?"
"I'd make a good guess where the alloy is considerable, but a small portion might

escape me."
"And what do you think of that little piece ?"

"There's alloy in this, beyond doubt both silver and copper, I should think. The copper gives the red and purple sparks in the fractures, and the silver he hardness. Not much alloy. Can we do anything else for you to-day?"
"No, thank you. Good-morning."
When he found himself in the street

he began thinking once more.

"There were silver mines in Killaloo. and I've heard that gold has been discovered there too; but I do not remember ever reading, or being told, gold had been found so far west in Clare as Killard. Then what brings the copper in the gold? And most os all, what brings that enormous quantity of gold where it is? Why, in all Clare there isn't as much as there's on that one island. Where did it come from?

He paused a moment, staggered by the certainty which had come slowly upon him that the metal was real gold, with a slight alloy.

"Gold!" he thought, giddily, "and ail mine. Now I see why my grandfather bought the island, and had the clause about the "hawking, hunting, fishing, mines, wood, water, and foreshore rights" live he would. What should he do? inserted. It was this gold. He found it The gold could not be left in its present or knew of it, and married a dumb wife hiding place any longer. Whatever was that he might secure children who could to be done with it, the best thing was to not tell. If he found the gold in any ornot tell. If he found the gold in any or-dinary way, why need he keep it secret: where it lay, and might be discovered at hich held two days.

On the might of the second day the fridon't keep such sames; and until my made to bear the prodigious strains. gate drifted bottom up, close under the grandfather bought the Island and went coast of county Clare. At midnight she inland for a wife, I have heard he never drove stem foremost into the southern was beyond Clonnore, in which place passage between the mainland and the there was then no bank. How lid he

some clue to this gold and act the honest to deal with objective matters as much as It was in the spring of the next year the gold were measurements. The condition of the next year never hope she would be content to share the pagain was concluded. y-break. had previously increty availed doubles, a prey to his old struggle. "Dubling" he thought, "is big enough the Island he would be follow their ex-

neighborhood of Westland Row, and his grandfather and father had possessed "There's no good in my taking a religing some warning tinger, some printurn ticket," he thought. "I cannot tell ciple of right, some unapprenated influence of that girl whom he wished so to arrange about this affair, and docide what is to be done before I set foot again in not like to stretch forth his hand and Killard."

By the foot again in grasp—What he Everything it seemed.

And so the strife went on, over- and over Although in great haste to get his busiHe exercised the whole force of his will to suppress it, to keep his mind fixed

Accordingly he sought an analytical chemist, gave him a specimen, told him what he wanted, and was requested to call in three days. He returned at the

"I am exceedingly sorry, sir," said the which will simplify matters a good deal In looking at the largest pices of metal I saw a fissure, and enlarging the filsure I found two of the pieces had been imperferelly fused, they came astuder readily, and here is the larger of the two. The specie gravity of the piece of metal

corresponds with the dis overv. John Lane took the piece in his hand and saw, a little blurred by fusion, the head of George III., and the legend, "Georgius III. Rex." There could be no weighed it on the end of one of his "Georgius III. Rex." There could be no fingers, examined it through a glass, and further season to doubt. Here was the

face of a guinea before him. With a great effort he controlled himaveit?"

"An anchor. But is there enough?"

"Yes; there is enough for a small head discovery answered as well, or better

than an analysis, he went away, taking THE HANGING OF MRS. SURRATT.

with him the guinea face.

The jeweller had told him the metal gold. He remembered how there was no talk of sovereigns in connection with his father's or grandfather's mysterious money. He had heard of those fires of course, you allow gold by the look individual which helped the people to the idea that his grandfather and father had had dealings with evil spirits. Now he had "That's a long experience. But could leaped into two secrets at once. The you tell virgin gold from gold with an gold had all been guineas, or, at least, coined gold at one time; and the fires had been kindled to reduce it to its present form, with a view, no doubt, to make it appear as though it had been an ordinary native product of the Island, and had never before passed through the hands of man.

Now he knew why his father had expelled him, when he found out he could hear. He feared this secret might be discovered by him, and upon his learning to speak, at some time before he had ar rived at the age of discretion, he might tell of the gold, and so lead to a forcible withdrawal of it from the Island, where it did not rightfully lie.

Again the fierce conflict between temptation and conscience arose, and John Lane strode through the crowded streets of London with an overwhelming secret on his mind and a distracting tumult in his breast. Towards night he became calmer, and he put the question repeat-edly to himself, "What am I to do next?"

For days he remained in a state of the greatest excitement and perplexity. He could not go back and live on the Island watching that treasure. No portion of his scheme of life admitted of such an idea. He wanted to live until he died. not to sit down and await the falling of would mearly till an ordinary corn sack . made to bear the prodigious strain. made to bear the prodigious strain, would weigh at least a ten. Yes; there was about a ten weight of the metal on that Island. How was it to be got away, and where should it be brought

It was not until a week had passed These were the thoughts he expressed that he hat upon a plan. He put an adboldly to his own mind, but under then, vertisement in the Shipping Gazette, to waged a fierce struggle. Should be the effect that L.J. doe thought it best waged a fierce struggle. Should be the effect that L.J. the thought it best inquire no further, but take the gold to reverse his intials wished to hire a away and sell it, and become a rich man forty-ton yacht for the summer months.

In a few days he decided upon trying part? He kept the struggle out of his one of the loads tendered. He saw the view as much as possible, and endeavored proprietor, a man who made his living by letting sachts. The Water Lily was possible. The strife went on all the same, refitting for the season at Cowes. He sturning and snaking aim, and, above all, got a descript on or nor non-income and been battered into atoms by the surf, and her planks and beams had either sunken where she struck, or doated such as the struck, or doated such as the struck, or doated such as the struck or doated such as the struck or doated such as the struck or doated such as the surf, and beams had either eyed white girl of Killard. An oracular, tifty pounds, unsure the yacht for seven voice declared to him that the girl and hundred pounds, and pay twenty-five the surf, and the gold were inconsistencies. He could guineas a month for the two months, a

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The men who sat in judgment on thy Cared not for justice, did not seek for 11 Tickets for

truth. Thou wert prejudged; thy death-writ but the seal To what they long in secret had de-And vain thy child's most agonized ap-

peal, With hearts like theirs, how could her prayer succeed?

there; And judgment swift and sure for those who sport With human life and helpless ones enana re.

There is a sentence, that in after years On many a heart will strike a knell profound : nich neither pomp, nor power, nor rain of tears

Can make less vivid in its fearful sound: When "I die innocent" in words of dame Will dance and scintillate before each

That looked approval on this deed of shame. And calmiy saw a guiltless woman die.

God's hely will be done." Are words The theen The atterance of lips all steeped in

In that dread moment when the spirit The gulf that bars Eternity from Time. n, fitting words, "God's holy will be

Words breathed in anguished hour by lips most pure.
Of Him who died for all, the sinless One.

Whose sorrows well might teach thee to endure.

by Saviour trod the wearlest way to death. Up Calvary's steep, 'mide jibe and stab and sneer: Bicool-stained and weary, gasping for

His breath. He struggled on, till Golgotha drew The heavy cross whereon his frame must die.

"Yes, con not quite so quickly as an Till contai men, again and yet again, Ware forced to mid, or see Him pros-

a thelet there and think of this, as thou west borner, All heavily manacled, toward thy tomb? The giping cross I strongly and then for-Helped on to meet trine undeserved down. Trebs then not think of Hins-the stary

The newly cross, the aid the stranger 2410 repay
If j died to His) the soul He died to

His sacred brow the dreadful thorner ava pressod---Oh, mockery, and bitter, bitter pain head dressed

Didst thou not think of this, thing own And shrouded in the cap, so meant to stain? And when at last the awful moment

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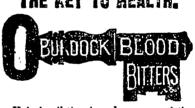
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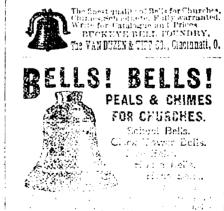
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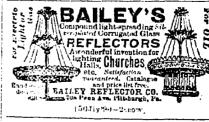
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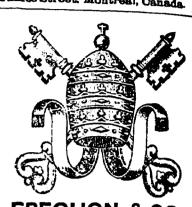
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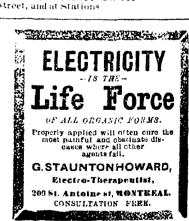
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