

[Continued from 1st page.] "Did you, Royce?" mised to take care of little Kate I didn't care what happened to me. The money Mrs. Clancy has—except perhaps two hundred dollars--all belongs to Lieut Hayne, since he paid off every cent that

Hayne, since he part of other than tumbling billows come thundering their supplemented by Mrs. Clancy's rueful the shining strand, and sending their hissing, seething, whirling waters, all his or and rediance to the very feet and incoherent admissions, Clancy's story did its work. Mrs. Clancy could story did its work. Mrs. Clancy could not long persist in her various denials after her husband's confession was brought to her ears, and she was totally brought to her ears, and she was totally unable to account satisfactorily for the possession of so much money. Little Kate had been too young to grasp the full meaning of what Gower said to her mother in that hurried interview; but mother in that hurried interview; but her reiterated statements that he came late at night, before the regiment got home, and knocked at the door until he waked them up, and her mother cried when he came in, he looked so different, and had spectacles and a patch on his cheek, and ranch clothes, and he only stayed a little while, and told her mother he must go back to the mountains, the police were on his track-she knew now he spoke of having deserted-and he gave her mother lots of money, for she opened and counted it afterwards and told her it must all go to papa to get some one out of trouble—all were so clear and circumstantial that at last the hardened woman began to break down and make reluctant admis

When an astute sheriff's officer finally told-her that he knew where he could dered utterly. So long as he was out of the way—could not be found—she held out; but the prospect of dragging into prison with her the man who had spurned her in years gone by and was out; but the prospect of dragging into prison with her the man who had spurned her in years gone by and was proof against her fascinations was too alluring. She told all she could at his expense. He had ridden eastward after his desertion, and, making his way down the set of consola. the Missouri, had stopped at Yankton and gone thence to Kanasa City, spend-ing much of his money. He had reached Denver with the rest, and there—she

knew not how-had made or received more, when he heard of the fact that Capt. Hull had turned over his property to Lieut. Hayne just before he was to Licut. Hayne just before he was from last year. I cannot explain it, but I know there has been a change. I feel to be tried for failing to account for it. He brought her enough to cover all he had taken, but—here she lied—strove to persuade her to go to San Francisco with him. She promised to think of it if he would leave the money—which he did,

swearing he would come for her and it. That was why she dared not tell Mike fool ever to have let her go." "Is she still so determined when he got home. He was so jealous of her. To this part of her statement Mrs.

Clancy stoutly adhered; but the officers believed Kate

Deneved Kate. One other thing she told. Kate had declared he wore a heavy patch on hi. right -cheek and temple. Yes, Mrs. Clangy remembered it. Some scoundrels had sought to rob him in Denver; He had to find a sould with her, I could make her happy; had to fight for life and money both, and but"-His share of the honors of the fray was a deep and clean cut extending across the check bone and up above the right ear.

As these family revelations were told throughout the garrison and comment of every kind was made thereon, there is sleep? You will be so much brighter to-

reason for the belief that Mrs. Buxton found no difficulty in filling her letters with particulars of deep interest to her readers, who by this time had carried out Good night, Mrs. Rayner. Whatever the programme indicated by Capt. Ray. ner. Mid-June had come; the ladies, ap-kindness." parently benefited by the sea voyage, had landed in New York and were speedily driven to their old quarters at uneasily. He has aged greatly in the the Westminster; and while the captain past few months. She is shocked to see went to headquarters of the department to report his arrival on leave and get his letters, a card was sent up to Miss Travers the doorway she notes how thin his which she read with checks that slightly paled: check has grown, and wonders at the ir resolution in his movements when he

"He is here, Kate." reaches the broad piazza. He stands "Nellie, you—you won't throw him over, after all he has done and borne for forming a frame for a picture en sil-

houette, his tall, spare figure thrown

nousand miles away:

'Halt!"

He breaks off irresolutely, looking

"I shall keep my promise," was the black upon the silver sea beyond. He looks up and down the now deserted galanswer.

CHAPTER XX.

"And so she's really going to marry "And so she's really going to marry Mr. Van Antwerp," said Mrs. Buxton to Mrs. Waldron a few days later in the month of sunshine and roses. "I did not think it possible when she left "meas the range" tilt of the she

Another instant, and, as though in left," was the reply. "Why do you say "Oh, Mrs. Rayner writes that the cap-tain had to go to Washington on some "The second figure, erect, soldierly, with quick and bounding step strides across the glittering moon streak, and Mrs. Rayner's heart stands still.

tain had to go to Washington on some important family matters, and that she and Nellie were at the sca shore again, and Mr. Van Antwerp was with them from morning till night. He looked so worn and haggard, she said, that Nellie bould not but take pity on him. Heav-ens! think of having five hundred thou-sand dollars sighing its life away for yon! 



With one shriek of warning and terror she springs towards them—just in time. When she reappeared, three or four young cavalrymen were at the gate chat-ting with Mrs. Waldron, and the picture was passed from hand to hand, exciting maried comment. It was a simple cate was passed from hand to hand, exciting varied comment. It was a simple carte de visite, of the style orice spoken of as vignette—only the head and shoulders being visible—but it was the picture of a strong, clear cut face, with thick, wary black hair just tingeing with gray, a drooping mustache and long English whiskers. The eyes were heavy browed, and, though partially shaded by the gold rimmed pince-nez, were piercing and fine. Mr. Van Antwerp was unques-tionably a fine looking man. man's face; there is a sudden spring, a clinch, a straining to and fro of two. Gurse-onet all, black, snaky, the other light, lithe, agile and trained; muttered curse, panting breath, and then, sure as fate, the taller man is being borne back-ward against the rail. She sees the dark arm suddenly relax its grasp of the gray form and disappear an instant. Then there it comes again, and with it a gleam of steel. With one shriek of them—just in time. Hayne glances up, "Here comes Hayne," said Royce. them—just in time. Hayne glances up, "is whole

"Show it to him. He likes pictures; though I wouldn't like this one if I were in his place." weight upon the tottering figure, and over goes the Knickerbocker prone upon the floor. Hayne turns one instant: "Go

youngsters have to the ravages of the passage that underlies the piazza, but he tender passion on subjects other than has gone down into the passage itself.

smiling gravely, and little imagining what was in store for him.

"This," said Webster, holding out the card. Hayne took it, gave one glance,

memselves. "To whom do you refer?" asked Hayne, miling gravely, and little imagining the piazza, no trace of the fugitive can



Nor does Mr. Van Antwerp appear at breakfast on the following morning, nor