TEE INFERIEURE



Copyright, 1916, by Little, Brown & Co. the law first crack. And the most he

could do would be to annoy you."
"You underestimate Monohan," Fyfe

so far as the law goes. He's foxy. I

advise you to sell if the offer comes again. If you make any more breaks at him he'll figure some way to get

you. It isn't your fight, you know. You unfortunately happen to be in the

"Hanged if I do!" Benton ejaculated.

"I'm all in the clear. There's no way he can get me, and I'll tell him what I

think of him again if he gives me half a chance. I never liked him, anyhow. Why should I sell when I'm just get-

ting in real good shape to take that timber out myself? Why, I can make

a thundred thousand dollars in the

next five years on that block of tim-ber. Besides, without being a senti-mental sort of beggar, I don't lose

sight of the fact that you helped pull

showdown I'm with you, Jack, as far as I can go. What the thunder can

"Nothing that I can see." Fyfe

laughed unpleasantly. "But he'll try. He has dollars to our cents. He could

throw everything he's got on Roaring lake into the discard and still have

forty thousand a year fixed income. Sabe? Money does more than talk in this country. I think I'll pull that camp off the Tyee."

"Well, maybe," Benton said. "I'm

Stella passed on. She wanted to

hear, but it went against her grain to eavesdrop. Her pause had been pure-

ly involuntary. When she became con-scious that she was eagerly drinking in each word she hurried by.

Her mind was one urgent question mark while she laid the sleeping young-ster in his bed and removed her heavy

clothes. What sort of hostilities did Monohan threaten? Had he let a hope-less love turn to the acid of hate for

the man who nominally possessed her? Stella could scarcely credit that. It was too much at variance with her

idealistic conception of the man. He

would never have recourse to such littleness. Still, the biting contempt

in Fyfe's voice when he said to Ben-ton: "You underestimate Monohan. He'll play safe; \* \* \* he's foxy." That

stung her to the quick. That was not

He did not form judgments on momen

tary impulse. She recalled that only in the most direct way had he ever

passed criticism on Monohan, and then

passed criticism on Monohan, and then it lay mostly in a tone, suggested more than spoken. Yet he knew Monohan, had known him for years. They had clashed long before she was a factor

Fyfe and Benton came to dinner more or less preoccupied, an odd mood for Charlie Benton. Afterward they

went into session behind the closed

door of Fyfe's den. An hour or so lat-er Benton went home. While she

listened to the soft chuff-a-chuff-a-chuff

distance Ffye came in and slumped

down in a chair before the fire where

a big fir stick crackled. He sat there

silent, a half smoked cigar clamped in

one corner of his mouth, the lines of his square jaw in profile, determined,

Stella eyed him covertly.

She leaned forward to speak. Words quivered on her lips, but as she strug-

gled to shape them to utterance the

blast of a boat whistle came screaming up from the water, near and shrill and

Fyfe came out of his chair like a

in their lives.

imperative.

for her benefit. It was Fyfe's cound conviction. Based on what?

returned. "He'll play safe per

"He's worth something to me, too,"
Fyfe muttered, "a lot more than you think, maybe. I'm not trying to club h. There's nothing in it for me. But him-well, he needs you. It isn't his fault be's here or that you're unhappy. I've got to protect him, see that he gets a fair shake. I can't see anything to it but for you to go on being Mrs. Jack Fyfe until such time as you get back to a normal poise. Then it will be fine enough to try to work out some arrangement that won't be too much of a hardship on him. It's that or a clean break in which you go your own way and I try to mother him to the best of my ability. You'll understand some time why I'm showing my teeth this way."

'You have everything on your side," she admitted dully after a long interval of silence. "I'm a fool. I admit it. Have things your way, but it won't work, Jack. This flareup between us will only smolder. I think you lay a little too much stress on Monohan. It isn't that I love him so much as that I don't love you at all. I can live without him-which I mean to do in any far easier than I can live with

you. It won't work."

"Don't worry," he replied. "You won't be annoyed by me in person. I'll have my hands full elsewhere."

#### CHAPTER XIII.

THE month of November slid day by day into the limbo of the past.

The rains washed the land unceasingly. Gray veilings of mist and cloud draped the mountain slopes. As drab a shade colored Stella Fyfe's daily outlook. She was alone a great deal. Even when they were together she and her husband, words did not come easily between them. He was away a great deal, seeking, she knew, the old panacea of work, hard, unremitting work, to abate the ills of his spirit. She envied him that outlet.

Work for her there was none,



underestimate Monohan. He'il

Lefty Howe's wife was at the camp now on one of her occasional visits. Howe was going across the lake one afternoon to see a Siwash whom he ter's supply of salmon for the camps. Mrs. Howe told Stella, and on impulse Stella bundled Jack junior into warm clothing and went with them for the

When she returned from the launch trip Fyfe was home and Charlie Benton with him. She crossed the heavy rugs on the living room floor noiselessly in her overshoes, carrying Jack junior asleep in her arms. And so in passing the door of Fyfe's den she heard her brother say:

"But, good Lord, you don't suppose he'll be saphead enough to try such fool stunts as that! He couldn't make it stick, and he brings himself within

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Stella stared at him. Nerves! knew the symptoms too well. Nerves at terrible tension in that big, splendid body! A slight quiver seemed to run over him; then he was erect and calm-ly himself again, standing in a listening attitude.

"That's the Panther," he said, "pulling in to the Waterbug's landing. Did I startle you when I bounced up like a cougar, Stella?" he asked, with a wry smile. "I guess I was half asleep. That whistle joited me." Stella glanced out the shaded win-

"Some one's coming up from the float

with a lantern," she said. "Is there—is there likely to be anything wrong, Jack?" "Anything wrong?" He shot a quick

glance at her, then casually, "Not that I know of."

The bobbing lantern came up the

path through the lawn. Footsteps crunched on the gravel. crunched on the gravel.
"I'll go see what he wants," Fyfe remarked. "Calked boots, won't be good

She followed him. "Stay in. It's cold." He stopped in

"No; I'm coming," she persisted. They met the lantern bearer at the foot of the steps.
"Well, Thorsen?" Fyfe shot at him.

There was an unusual note of sharpness in his voice, an irritated expecta-Stella saw that it was the skipper of the Panther, a big and burly Dane. He raised the lantern a little. The dim light on his face showed it bruised and

swollen. Fyfe grunted. "Our boom is hung up," he said plain-vely. "They've blocked the river. I got licked for arguin' the point.'

"How's it blocked?" Fyfe asked.
"Two swifters uh logs strung across
the channel. They're drivin' piles in front. An' three donkeys buntin' logs

me out of a hole when I sure needed a pull. And I don't like this high handed style. No; if it comes to a "Swift work. There wasn't a sign of a move when I left this morning," Fyfe commented dryly. "Well, take the Pan-ther around to the inner landing. I'll

> 'What's struck that feller Moneban?' the Dane sputtered angrily. "Has he got any license to close the Tyee? He says he has—an' backs his argument strong, believe me. Maybe you can han-dle him. I couldn't. Next time I'll have a cant hook handy. By jingo, you gimme my pick uh Lefty's crew, Jack, an' I'll bring that cedar out."

"Take the Panther round," Fyfe re-

plied. "We'll see."

Thorsen turned back down the slope. In a minute the thrum of the boat's ex-haust arose as she got under way. "Come on in. You'll get cold standing

there," Fyfe said to Stella.

She followed him back into the living room. He sat on the arm of a big leather chair, rolling the dead cigar thoughtfully between his lips, little creases gathering between his eyes. "I'm going up the lake," he said at

last, getting up abruptly. "What's the matter, Jack?" she ask-"Why, has trouble started up

"Part of the logging game," he answered indifferently. "Doesn't amount

face was terrible. And I've heard you say he was one of the most peaceable men alive. Is it—is Monohan"— "We won't discuss Monohan," Fyfe

said curtly. "Anyway, there's no danger of him getting hurt." He went into his den and came out

with hat and coat on. At the door he paused a moment.
"Don't worry," he said kindly, "Noth-

ing's going to happen."

But she stood looking out the window after he left, uneasy with a prescience of trouble. She watched with a feverish interest the stir that presently arose about the bunk houses. That summer a wide space had been cleared between bungalow and camp. She could see moving lanterns and even now and then hear the voices of men calling to each other. Once the Panther's dazzling eye of a searchlight swung across the landing, and its beam picked out a file of men carrying their blankets toward the boat. Shortly after that the tender rounded the point. Close behind her went the Waterbug, and both boats swarmed with men.

Stella looked and listened until there was but a faint thrum far up the lake. Then she went to bed, but not to sleep. What ugly passions were loosed at the lake head she did not know. But on the face of it she could not avoid wondering if Monohan had deliberately set out to cross and harass Jack Fyfe—beshot. He landed poised on his feet, lips drawn apart, hands clinched. He held that pose for an instant, then relaxed, his breath coming with a quick

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only decent way there is to play it. So lid he. Why can't he abide by that?" Noon of the next day saw the Water bug heave to a quarter mile abeam of Cougar point to let off a lone figure in her dinghy and then bore on, driving straight and fast for Roaring Springs Howe came puffing at her heels.

"Land's sake, I been worried to eath," the older woman breathed. When men git to quarrelin' about tim ber you never can tell where they'll stop, Mrs. Jack. I've knowed some wild times in the woods in the past."

The man in the dink was Lefty Howe He pulled in beside the float. When he stepped up on the planks he limped perceptibly.
"Land alive, what happened yuh,

Lefty?" his wife cried. "Got a rap on the leg with a peevy,"

he said. "Nothin' much. "Why did the Waterbug go down the lake?" Stella asked breathlessly. The man's face was serious. "What hap-

pened up there?"
"There was a fuss," he answered quietly. "Three or four of the boys got beat up so they need patchin'. Jack's takin' 'em down to the hospital. Blast that yeller headed Monohan!" his voice lifted suddenly in uncontrollable anger "Billy Dale was killed this morning

mother.' of some enmity that far preceded her? She had thought him big enough to do as she had done, as Fyfe was tacitly doing—make the best of a grievous matter

But if he had allowed his passions to dictate reprisals she trembled for the outcome. Fyfe was not a man to sit outcome. Fyfe was not a man to sit quiet under either affront or injury. He would fight with double rancor if Mon-

ohan were his adversary.
"If anything happens up there I'll hate myself," she whispered when the ceaseless turning of her mind had become almost unendurable. "I was a silly, weak fool ever to let Walter Mon too, if he makes me a bone of contention. I elected to play the game the

(To be Continued)

Chinese Admitted to Bar.

Chang Chung Wing, a native of California, is an attorney at law, the first Chinese-American to be admitted to the bar in the state. He was given his legal papers by the district court of appeals, before which he was examined, having passed with a percentage of 96 out of a possible 100. He was one of the three highest men in the class of 86, of whom 49 passed the examina tions.

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LESSON FOR OCTOBER 13

ABRAM'S GENEROUS TREATMENT OF LOT.

LESSON TEXT-Genesis 13:1-11; 14:14-16. GOLDEN TEXT—A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adver-sity.—Proverbs 17:17. DEVOTIONAL READING—Romans 9:

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Genesis 12:10-14; 24; 18:16-33; 19:29.

I. Abram and Lot Return From Egypt (vv. 1-4).

Abram went into Egypt because of a famine. No doubt the famine was sent in judgment for the sins of the people, but also for Abram's sake. He needed the graces of his heart developed. He needed to be taught the weakness of his own heart, and the faithfulness of God. The child of God is not promised exemption from trials, but grace sufficient to enqure them. Abram failed. In the midst of his trials he went off to Egypt without God's direction, where he got into trouble. To take one's own way always brings him into trouble. His expedient to save his life was unworthy of Abram. He lied, and a lie is never justifiable. It is much better to die than to lie. Abram by prevarication deceived the king, but as soon as the truth was known he was thrust out. Though Abram had strayed from the pathway of faith, he had the good sense to go "unto the place where his tent had been in the beginning, where the altar was." This showed that he was willing to confess his mistake, and begin life over again. This Egypt experience was a loss spiritually to Abram, though he became rich there. Increase of riches is no sign that a man is in fellowship with God.

II. Abram and Lot Separate (vv. 5-

The goods of both Abram and Lot greatly increased. When they attempt ed to settle down, trouble arose be-tween their herdsmen. This is the first record of trouble between relatives over financial matters. Riches often interfere with friendship. They kindle jealousy and strife between men. They engender greed and selfishness in men. Many times members of the same fam-ily are estranged from each other through strife for wealth. For the chosen of God thus to quarrel is utter folly and criminal, especially when the enemy of the Lord's people looks on.
"The Canaanite and the Perizzite
dwelt then in the land" (v. 7). It is bad enough for won s think rel, but to do so in the presence of the world which delights therein is greatly

to sin Abram's behavior is a fine expeaceably. The disgraceful situation was relieved by a generous proposition from Abram. Lot was allowed his choice. Separation is sometimes necessary. Though he owed all to Abram his selfish heart caused him to grasp for the best. Lot's action shows that his stay in Egypt was ruinous to him. Perhaps he chose the plains of the Jordan because of their resemblance to Egypt One cannot go into Egypt without being affected by it. This was a fatal choice for Lot. The motive actuating him was worldly advantage. Though he for awhile prospered, it was an expensive undertaking for him Lot with all his goods was taken away when the confederate kings came against Sodom. He is an example of one saved so as by fire (I Cor. 3:11-15). He set his affections upon earthly things, and the time came when he had to separate from them. The world its lusts pass away, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever (I John 2:15-17). Lot was not wholly corrupt; he was a man who allowed the world to get the better of him. Once his money and his family were in Sodom he simply endured the wickedness, longing to escape from it (II Peter 2:6-8).

III. Abram Delivers Lot (Genesis

Though Lot's trouble was the result of his selfish choice, Abram's magnanimity of soul expressed itself, taking up arms to deliver him from the oppressor. This was because Abram was man of faith. Faith trusts God and fights for the right.

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While Lot suffered from his evil choice, Abram was greatly prospered. He grew rich in temporal things, while at the same time he was rich toward God. It were much better to have God and a poor piece of land, than a rich piece of land without God. When Lot was involved in the ruin of his sad-choice Abram had the power to deliver him. Abram's whole life shows that those who make obedience to God first get the needed worldly gain (I Kings 8:5-13; Matthew 6:33).

Scripture Penetrates.

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