

The Cruise of the "Kingfisher."

CHAPTER XXXV.

"Yes, I'll go," he said, and he turn ed uncertainly and with a staggering gait. Then he turned back again and approached her. "I-I spoke harshly to you just now," he said, hoarsely "I-I beg your pardon. I-wish you every happiness. Oh, my God! Mary, it's hard to believe-hard to believe! You false!"

lips, her eyes fixed on him in despairing imploration, and all unconsciously she put her hand on his arm.

fashion: then he took it from his

"Not mine-not mine any longer!

he said, almost mechanically, and turned and left her standing there. hall at the Court-a weary, mudstained man who might have been walking for miles. - At the cry which the butler gave at the sight of him, Lady Bryan rushed out of the draw ing-room with his name on her lips

"Edward!" she cried. "Edward! with the tears running down her face. drew his head down to her and kissed him.

"Oh, Edward-you know-I see you

"Yes, mother," he replied, hoarsely. "I have seen her-I have heard from her own lips-"

"A cruel-wicked girl!" she sob-

"Hush! No. no! We won't say a word-I couldn't bear it, mother! Let me go to your room for a minute or

With his arm round her they went upstairs. We shall not follow them. There are some scenes too sacred for even the modern novelist.

At last Edward remembered Rath. and started guiltily.

"My friend, mother! God forgive me, I had forgotten him! I'll go down to him!"

His mother looked at him with sudden fear in her streaming eves. Had the blow driven him mad?

"What-what friend, Edward?" she asked, soothingly.

"Rath-Rath Ravne. He came on here. Why do you look at me like He has told you that we are rich-' He broke off with a sigh. The gold was of no use to either of them now

Was there a curse upon it? "Edward, I-I don't know what you are talking about. There-there is no one here," she faltered.

of the preceding night he was in a suppose he'll wind up with whiskey a sullen fire within his breast.

of brandy and soda, and smoking the olack strong cigar which his soul

im, and in its place was a hatred of he said, sadly, and with an ominous o popular, so rich and highly placed, should have his life sacrificed bemuch trouble and tact, self-denial and watchfulness-his rage grew to the left of the avenue, and having OUT

more bitter, and his loathing of the unfortunate woman who was tied to him became deeper and more fierce. He thought of all kinds of expedients, of ways of getting rid of her; but he knew of none which would be was not to be bought off: indeed, he ly, concealing the marriage, and pretending that they had only recently

He had some dinner sent into his man away. He could eat nothing, but ter drinking it, he threw himself or

sible for him to continue living at the

He dreamt that he was living in slum; that Nita, worn and haggard was cooking a bloater, the scent from which was stifling him. He woke with a start, to find that the lamp down the wick, drank some soda wa ter, and looked at his watch With start he saw that it was time to ce out if he meant to keep the appointment he had made with Nita. And

some bank-notes in his pocket and opened the French window. Then he ment's consideration, took off his soft hat, concealed it behind the sofa, and cipher them. rang the bell.

Parkins answered it—and brought a fresh bottle of whiskey-just as the knife. I wonder where he's gone, and waiter at a German hotel brings a glass of beer when you ring: the chances are all in favor of its being

"I feel sleepy, and think I'll go to bed," said Ralph, yawning. "You needn't trouble to come up until ring; perhaps I shall have a doze before I undress. And don't let anyone disturb me, mind! I fancy I've got a touch of this beastly influenza He went up the stairs yawning, and Parkins, looking in at the pantry on

his way to the servants' hall, remarked confidently to the butler: have to put the brake on. Seems to

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ondition approaching mental and in his bedroom. He's 'not to be dis turbed.' I know what that means."

The old butler shook his head. The coiled with a subdued cry of alarm. night, he could not sit still during Rattons whom he had served for so the day, and he paced up and down many years had not been conspicuous his "den," drinking glass after glass for their virtues, but they had none of them been drunkards, though some of them had drunk deeply on festive

> in this common style, Mr. Parkins," shake of the head.

Ralph noisily locked the door, and hearing no servants about, softly ur- the town, when I-heard you." marriage. If he had only been single, locked the door and returned to his if he had not committed the futal den by the back staircase. Here he where?" hall singer, he could mate with Lady self out by the window. He had not Mary whom he persuaded himself exchanged his morning suit of dark serge for evening-dress, and as he deed that gross passion which an-slipped along the park under the swers with men of Ralph's nature for shrubbery, with the collar of his ullove As the day wore on and he ster turned up it would have heer ealized all that he was going to very difficult for anyone to recognize CORNS charming of girls, but the social suc- the night was now not particularly light.

background, but he knew that Nita pact with him, to proclaim their marmight consider himself fortunate if broke out on his white face, and he his plans, and go off with him quiet- ter than such absolute ruin! Half mechanically, he crossed the avenue and went through the wood in the dimet. It was the only way to save his rection of the town. If she would not her away from Market Ratton.

He had reached the thickest part of den, but he could not endure even the wood, and was necessarily walk-Parkins near him, and he sent the ing slowly and carefully, when he heard something moving in front of he nearly finished the bottle of cham- him. He stopped and was about to pagne which he had ordered; and af call "Nita," but checked himself even the sofa and fell into an uneasy doze lowed silently and as quickly as he could. The footsteps receded and the wretched room in the Londor grew fainter, and Ralph presently lost them. He stopped again, perplexed and uncertain, then turned to retrace his steps. As he did so, his foot struck against some small, hard subwith his foot and hand, and after minute or two he came upon a claspknife. He picked it up and looked a it in the faint moonlight. It was large and heavy knife, with a single was not good enough for Ralph to de-

"Some d-d poacher!" he muttered. "I'll track him to-morrow by this

He turned the knife over in his hand, looking at it absently; then he opened the blade. It was sharp at the end like a dagger, and in every

"Yes; I'll have you safe and sound in

pocket and moodily went on through haggard, and Ralph as he watched drinking and the terror and emotion and champagne at dinner; and 1 her felt his hatred of her rising like

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"When was that?" he asked: "and

"Ten minutes ago, and over there, He knew that she had not heard him, but the other man, the poacher;

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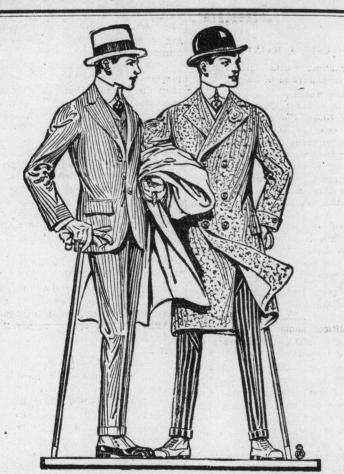
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"Snapping" Lions in the Jungle

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Photographing wild animals their native haunts is to me the f

sport in the world. But it is a sport over which must take time. For example, to cure the series of African hunt matograph pictures now being sh to thousands of people at the Phil monic Hall, Great Portland St London, meant an expenditure something like £50,000, and a spent in the depth of the Afr

My expedition consisted of 30 w men, 300 black men, 135 camels horses, 50 dogs, 54 oxen, and sheep on the hoof. At Mombassa complete "sofari," or hunting jour was arranged. Hardy African tri men noted for their endurance. other worthy qualities, accompa the expedition, some as emplo and carriers, and the remainder

the love of the sport. The expedition included also a dred American bearhounds. The thing I did was to get two lion which I captured only after a de ate struggle with their mother. were used to acquaint the dogs the scent of a lion. For three or days these young cubs were through the grass, and into the gle for a mile or more.

Dogs to Hunt Lions. The dogs were then put on scent and easily took up the trail. adept did they become in track the spoor of a lion that within a sh time they were sent out on a 1 hunt, and easily ran their quarry

Amazing, indeed, are the ways these wild beasts among which have spent so much of my time. Tak for example, the water-hole with ten degrees of the equator which fu nishes water to them, and where took a series of photographs. The

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