

The Mystery Solved at Last.

CHAPTER XXIII. The Vellow Metal.

good-morning!" said Si Fielding, lifting his hat, at which the other completely bowed his head. am caught trespassing."

"Not trespassing, but conferring an honor," replied Maurice Durant, bending with his kingly bow. "The red tory and its grounds are at your disposal. Sir Fielding."

"You are too generous," said Si Fielding, passing through the gate and leaning his arm against the post for he was rather tired.

"Not more so than yourself," re torted Maurice Durant, with a grave smile. "It is not once only that you have placed the hall at my disposal. Sir Fielding winced.

"What I offered I meant." he said sadly; then, moved by an uncontrollable impulse, he added: "it will no be in my power, perhaps, to continue my offer long."

"What mean you?" Sir Fielding looked up into the no ble face, and answered, bitterly, afte

a moment's hesitation: "I don't know why I should not tel you, Mr. Durant. I should have told your father in the years gone by Where do you think I am going now?

Maurice Durant, whose frown had grown darker at Sir Fielding's men tion of his father, raised his brows with a shrug of his stalwart shoul

"I am going to the Folly," said Sir Fielding, raising his head, "to beg loan of Mr. Gregson wherewith to pay off a mortgage on the hall which forecloses in a fortnight's time."

Slowly, with sad, bitter distinct ness the words fell brokenly from the thin, quivering lips, and at their close the blue eyes were filled with tears.

There was a minute's pause. When Sir Fielding looked up again he saw a light in the dark eyes gazing down at him that he had never seen there before, a light he would not have thought the stern, flerce eyes capable off possessing.

"To the Folly!" said the grand voice, lowered to a pitch of gentleness that corresponded with the gaze, and equally surprised Sir Fielding "To the Folly! Why walk so far. Sir Fielding? The rectory is much near-

"The rectory!" murmured Sir Field-

Made Well.

RUB ON NERVILINE.

more unrelenting than rheumatism.

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At first only a grumbling pain is

and muscles, and finally tortures its

To-day the disease may be in the

muscles of the back, thigh, shoulder

the hand, toes, arms or legs it may

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despair, has ended years of awful suf- size, 25c.

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brought health to those in the deepest | Large family size pottle 50c.; trial

felt. But, alas, it settles in the joints rheumatics can describe.

well again.

ious? Why should Sir Fieldisg oo proud to take aid from those who has helped in the past?"

And the dark eyes flashed now a nost angrily.

Sir Fielding started, bewildered. Could it be possible that this strange being really considered his neglecting to ask him for the loan as an insult?

Or did you think the Durant coffers nad been emptied by their spendthrill wner, Maurice? If so, you were wrong. Sir Fielding; there is gold in them still-idle gold, that could find lieve, however slightly, the wants of

Chichester Hall." As the noble words rang out like he pealing of a grand organ, Sir Fielding almost lost their sense in the feeling of admiring awe that filled height and the glorious head, with its flowing hair, seemed rather that of some heroic mediaeval king than ector of the nineteenth century.

For a moment he was speechless hen he stammered:

nable---"

"I forgive you; say no more," said Maurice Durant, holding out hi hand. "Though I will not say I could have done so had you reached the Folly. Come. Sir Fielding, let us walk to my den-it is, indeed, a den-and get this trivial business settled." "Trivial!" repeated Sir Fielding,

shaking his head. "The amount-"Is not over half a million pounds Sir Fielding smiled.

"Good, then, it is small," said Mau ice Durant. "Come."

And he strode up the narrow path with the bearing of an emperor. Sir Fielding walked at his side, wor dering and marveling, scarce able to persuade himself that he had not gone to sleep in the hot sunshine and was in the land of a dream.

Opening a small side door with key, Maurice Durant held it until Sir Fielding had passed through, and then, following him, closed and bolted

Then together they ascended the darkened stairs, lined with dim, dust covered faces of past and gone Durants, and glittering here and there with patches of gold carving, still un

Stopping at a door, which Sir Field ing remembered as the entrance to Gerald Durant's own room, Maurice Durant unlocked it, and as before held it for Sir Fielding to pass.

As he entered, the baronet started The room was furnished as it was the furniture occupied the same pla ces as it did in the time when the rectory was the glory of the county. Every chair was in its old place, the

"Ay, the rectory," repeated Maurice sunlight falling on the same cabinet, Durant. "You spoke of my father the ancient fire irons leaning against just now: he would have considered the old brass trestles, everything in it not far from an insult to pass his the room, small and great, as it was house in search of a favor; what the night Maurice Durant's father had cause have you to deem me more gra- fallen dead across the massive table. Rheumatism A Sneaking Disease

There is a marvellous healing pow-

er in Nerviline which it derives from

the extracts and juices of certain rare

herbs and roots. It allays almost

magically the awful pain that only

Congestion is drawn out of the mus

cles, stiffened joints are eased and limbered up, the old time feeling of

depression is cast off, and once again

Every home needs good old Nervi-

line, needs it for earache, tootache,

ca, stiff neck, chest colds and sore

ant vigorous lasting good health.

Maurice Durant wheeled a chai from the table, and with a "be seated, Sir Fielding," walked to the old cabnet, and taking a bunch of keys from his pocket, unlocked one of the draw

COLUMN TO THE REAL PROPERTY.

Sir Fielding watched with curio: anxiety, feeling half bewildered.

When the drawer was pulled out Maurice Durant went to a cupboard and, swinging back its carved and gilded door, took from its shelves arge, quaint wine flask and a glass. "Burgundy," he said, with a cur

smile; "the only wine the rectory owns, as you may remember, Si Fielding. Will you drink?" Sir Fielding bowed, and silently illed his glass-also quaintly cut an

of foreign make. "It is superb wine!" he said. "Did you find this in the cellars?"

Maurice nodded. "Av! An army of bottles, cobwe! ed and dust covered."

"The wine is nearly as old as t ouse," said Sir Fielding. "And as little valued" said Mauri

never touch it." Then he went back to the cabine and lifted a bag and a small parce

Durant, with a strange smile.

from the drawer These he placed on the table, and unfastening, disclosed to Sir Field ing's astonished gaze a heap of go! and notes, some on foreign, most or English banks.

"Gracious heavens, my dear Du ant!" he said. "Do you keep this enormous sum of money in that old worm-eaten cabinet?"

The owner of the treasure bowed with a strange, somber smile.

"But," continued Sir Fielding, "are you not afraid of burglars? By the way, an attempt was made at Lady Mildred's only last night. Nothing would be easier to our London thieve than to break into this old place and decamp with the money." Maurice Durant smiled again.

"Let them come." he said. "The are welcome to the money, so tha they do not disturb its owner. Have no fear, Sir Fielding. I have a knack of taking care of my own, if I think it worth the fighting for, which, for this dross, I do not."

"But why not bank it?" said S Fielding, even his little business knowledge revolting against such waste of capital.

"Bank it-why?" replied Maurice Durant, frowning. "That it may breed more? What do I, who live by m gun and spend nothing, want wit capital or interest? Bah! Sir Field ing, you have lived too long in this old, money-floated island. Had you spent the best or worst part of your life in desert solitudes, among mountain and prairie wilds, living by you hands' strength and your brain's cun ning, fighting for your daily life with wild beasts and wilder men, you would know how to scorn this glittering dust that takes its value from

Sir Fielding bowed. "Pardon me, Mr. Durant," he said with earnest gravity. "Mine was worthless anxiety-yours a noble carelessness. I, alas! am compelled to value this dust at the price my fellowmen, nay, my creditors, put up-

place, and not from worth."

"Nay, pardon me!" broke in Maurice Durant, laying his hand upon the old man's shoulder, with a grasp that was almost a caress, and had some thing touching in its gesture of respect. "You were right-I wrong. The dross is valuable, if only for the simple reason that it is of service to you. Tell me, is there sufficient Has At Last Met Its Conqueror there?"

> Sir Fielding, not daring to say more for fear of raising the strange being's anger, and deeming it the truest generosity to accept with little verbiage the princely offer, glanced at the notes and weighed the bag.

"More than enough, I think," he said; "I really cannot say. Chudleigh could tell."

"Then let Mr. Chichester estimate it," said Maurice Durant. "The bag is heavy; I would give you more notes but that this pile is all I possess. There is plenty more gold," he added, quickly, seeing the reluctant crossing of Sir Fielding's brow-"more than I shall ever need."

"How can I express my gratitude?" murmured Sir Fielding, the tears in



## ECONOMICAL LUNCH

Take a few Oxo Cubes and save the expense of lunching out. A cup of Oxo and a few biscuits, or a sandwich few biscuits, or a sandwich, make a light inexpensive meal which will keep you satisfied and clear-headed until your next repast.

A cup of Oxo is always good. It can be made with an Oxo Cube and hot water with very little trouble. When you reach home after a hard day at the office, a cup of hot Oxo will do you ever so much good, and lessen the risk of a chill. An Oxo Cube in a glass of hot milk makes a pleasant change

a Cube to a Cup

"By not wounding me with thanks. replied the other. "I have few monents of pleasure, Sir Fielding. This is one of them. Do not mix its gold with alloy."

Sir Fielding arose and held out his

"You will not let me thank you," he said. "Then let me, in addition to taking your gold, beg of you one other Maurice Durant bowed.

"No favor you ask of me shall be

refused or be called such," he replied "Let me call you friend!" said Sir Fielding, in a low voice, broken with motion. "Lessen this debt some what, or rather make its weight greater, by breaking the bonds of solitude which surround you and business trip to Canada in connection making the hall your home. We have ought of you every day, and spoken of you often. From now your name will spell savior to us. Be the friend New York to-day and will be absent in person as you are in deed, and be

Maurice Durant turned his head first visit to the head office of his comaway for one moment, as if struggling pany. He will be absent for about five with some intense emotion, but the next he seized the bag with one hand and placing the bundle of notes in Sir Fielding's hand with the other. said, curtly, though somewhat sadly: "The hag is heavy I will carry i o the park. Come."

They went, Maurice Durant care fully closing each door-and locking t-as they passed through. (To be Continued.)

Train the kiddies to keep their cooms in order. This will be of value them in future life. A pie composed of meat and vege-

tables is far more substantial if cov ered with potato paste.

### PAINS AFTER EATING WIND IN THE STOMACH-ACIDITY.

HEADACHES-CONSTIPATION ARE SIGNS OF INDIGESTION.

Indigestion—the complete or partial failure of the digestive processes—frequently throws out of gear the whole machinery of the body. You can't enjoy the vigour and vitality of good health unless your stomach, liver and bowels do their work regularly and efficiently

# MOTHER SYRUP

As a digestive tonic and stomachic remedy, Mother Seigel's Syrup is esteemed in tens of thousands of homes, wherever the English language is spoken. If you suffer much or little from disorders of the stomach, liver or bowels, try the effect of taking 15 to 30 drops of this famous remedy in water, after meals, for a few days and note its beneficial effects.

**ASSISTS** DIGESTION

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GAR.

## Our Volunteers.



A squad of volunteers visited the south side yesterday and cleared away the snow from the rifle range. The following oung men signed the roll, four fre ne outports and one from St. John's Lawrence Hynes, Kennedy Bay

Herbert House, Twillingate Herbert E. Edwards, Millertown, Hockey Notes.

There is a possibility of the League lockey Championship for this sea on being decided on Monday ever orias will contest. A win for the latter will give them the silverware, as they are now leading in points. In the event of the Feildians getting a decision, they will be equal with the Victorias. If then the Terra Novas succeed in defeating the Feildians, the esult of the first round will be-requal, so that another round will be

cessary. While the time is in it, arrangements are now being made to have a game played for the benefit of the W. A. Fund one evening next week team from the League. The probable

"Has Beens"	Presents.
Nix Vinnicombe	C. Hunt
Goal.	
C. Parsons	G. Herder
Point.	
G. Marshall	C. Ford
Cover.	
Hal Hutchings	Ewing
Rover.	
W. Herder	CONTRACTOR OF STREET
Centre.	
F. Janes —	.C. Trapnell
Left.	
H. Dickenson	F. Brien
Right.	
Referee-W. J. Higgins.	

Whiteway Lodge.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The annual meeting and election or fficers of Whiteway Lodge, E. C., A. A. and A. M., took place at the Masonic Temple last night. The following are the officers elected.— Worshiuful Master, Br. H. R rookes, S. W.; Treasurer, Bro. T. J. Duley, P. M.; Tyler, Bro. Geo. Mor

#### Personal.

Company, leaves on a business trip to in England. will be absent for some time with his firm, Messrs, Dicks & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bishop leave for Mr. W. J. Edgar, General Agent fo the North American Life Assurance Co., leaves to-day for Toronto on his

# THE FIRST PAIR.

Don't make any mistake this year Let your first pair of rubber shoes b Bear Brand. Times are too hard for anyone to take chances of being out of work for two or three weeks with a cold which could have been avoided by getting satisfactory rubber shoes The good old BEAR BRAND shoes which are becoming more widely known every day, are being sold in St. John's by: John Anderson.

W. R. Goobie. Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe, Ltd. Royal Stores, Ltd. F. Smallwood. Jesse Whiteway

Wholesale by CLEVELAND RUBBR CO.. New Martin Bldg. ov11,w,s,tf

## Here and There.

Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.

PROHIBITION CASES .- The charges of violations of the Prohibi-tion Act, preferred against Messrs. E. Sinnott and P. J. Shea, will be heard before Judge Penney in the Magistrate's Court on Monday next. Over 30,000 bottles of Staf-

ford's Liniment sold last year. CARD TOURNEYS. -Last night eries of forty-fives were held at the British Society's and L. S. P. U. Rooms. The prizes presented to the ucky winners were flour, coal and

Angle Valves to be had at BOW-RING BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept.-feb6.tf S. P. C. A. ANNUAL.—At the King

George V. Institute this evening the annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will THE STATE ARMED NEUTRALITY. Governor and Lady Davidson will be

Year. Phone or send to SPUR-RELL, 365 Water Street. Telephone 574.—dec28,eod,tf

GET IN COWS.



## Run-down

When your system is undermined by worry or over-work -when your vitality is lowered -when you feel "any-how" -when your nerves are "on edge"-when the least exertion tires you—you are in a Run-down condition. Your system is like a plant that is rooping for want of water. And just as water revives a drooping plant—so 'Wincar-nis' gives new life and new vitality to a "run-down" con-stitution. Because Wincarnis' possesses a four-fold power. It is a Tonic, a Restorative, a Blood-maker, and a Nerve Food-all in one. Therefore

NINGARUS) The Wine of Life

creates new strength, new blood, new nerve force, and new vitality. The benefit begins from the first wine-glassful. You can feel it doing you good. You can feel your whole system being surcharged with new vitality and new life. That is why over 10,000 Doctors recom-mend 'Wincarnis.' Dên't continue to suffer

needlessly. Get well the 'Wincarnis' way-the quick, sure, and safe way to obtain Begin to get well

FREE. Sand the Coupon for a free trial bottle-not a mere taste but enough to do you good. Regular supplies can be ob-tained from all Druggists,

'Wincarnis' is made

COLEMAN & CO., Ltd., W345 Wincarnis Works, Norwich 6 cent. stamps for postage.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M. (See 3rd page.)

PROHIBITIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 23. The Gazette to-night gives a list of rohibited. The decree takes effect o-day. The list includes agricultural nachinery, boots and shoes, leather raw fruits, except lemons and oranges, hides, leather gloves, glass manu factures, linen, yarns and manufac tures thereof, canned lobsters, sal mon, manufactured silk, skins, furs, and food articles containing sugar, except condensed milk, tomatoes, typ writers, wine and all kinds of wood and timber.

MORE ARRESTS IN IRELAND.

LONDON, Feb. 23. More arrests of members of the aelic league and persons identified with the recent rebellion have been now that Gerard has closed his esmade in Ireland, says a Central News despatch from Dublin, which adds. other arrests are expected later. Today a number of those arrested arrived in Dublin, and have been lodged Fairbanks Brass Globe and at Arthur Hill Barracks. It is stated officially the persons arrested under the Defence of the Realm Act have peen prohibited from residing in Ireand, and have been given the choice had the insolence to describe the Imof places in England where they may perial Chancellor as his friend. Next

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. A News Agency despatch from Lonon to-day says England is trying to Have your Suit or Overcoat figure out what armed neutrality by BROS., Ltd., Hardware Dept. Cleaned or Pressed for New the States might mean. The lack of any overt act by Germany since the breaking of diplomatic relations with he United States and the imminence of the closing of the congressional during the past week and five houses session led to-day to a vast amount of speculation on the possibility of Fever Hospital 18 diphtheria patients the States continuing its position of and 6 of scarlet fever.

naving broken with Germany but not have actually joined with the Allies in the declaration of war against Gernany. A considerable group here bcieves the United States will adopt a enevolent as well as an armed neurality; that the benevolent neutrality will be manifest in increasing the amount of supplies to the Allies and the greater co-operation in financial arrangements. The failure to receive American mail regularly is seriously interfering with the business of British concerns having agencies in the United States, as well as ordinary usiness correspondence.

#### ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 23. A war office communication received this evening reads: We improved our position during the day north of dueudecourt, on the Somme, where we captured a portion of hostile trench, over thirty prisoners and a trench mortar. We also gained some ground south of Petit Minaumont. south of the Ancre, where we occupied an enemy post. A successful raid was carried out yesterday evening by our troops southeast of Souchez. A number of the enemy were killed, and dugouts destroyed. At dawn this morning hostile raids were repulsed south of Armentieres and in the neighborhood of Ploegstaert wood. A small number of the enemy who succeeded in reaching our trenches were killed or taken prisoners. The enemy's artillery was more active than usual in the neighborhood of the Somme, south of Arras. We carried out an effective bombardment of the enemy's trenches south of Ypres.

THE TONNAGE SHORTAGE.

Premier Lloyd George said in his speech in the House of Commons tolay, that the success of the Allies depended on the ability to solve the tonhage shortage which was now affecting the ordinary needs of the nation and the military exigencies. The situation, he declared, called for the gravest measures. The Premier said there was no sure way to victory without hunting submarines from the leep. Enormous sacrifices were necessary from the British public, said the Premier. He stated that the Government proposed to dispense with all non-essential importations to save onnage.

WON'T SINK U. S. SHIPS.

LONDON, Feb. 23. It is possible the American ships ochester and Orleani may escape German submarines on their way through the barred zone from New York to Bordeaux, says the Berlin paper Lokal Anzieger, as quoted in an Amsterdam despatch, but America should not rely upon their doing so. In Berlin political circles, the orrespondent adds, it is believed the ibmarine commanders have been efinitely instructed not to sink these American ships.

#### MAY ADDRESS CONGRESS. NEW YORK, Feb. 23.

The New York Evening Sun pubshes the following: It is confidently expected in official circles that the President will go before a joint sesion of Congress to-morrow or possily Monday with a request for auhority to take the necessary measres for protecting the rights of Americans on the seas. The President also is expected to announce a break with Austria-Hungary at the same time as it is understood he is convinced Vienna will break with Berlin rticles, the importation of which is in the matter of the ruthless submarine warfare. Although no statement has been made there is no doubt the administration is paving the way for public opinion to grasp the gravity of the situation and is therefore laving the foundation for hostilities which must come unless Germany should reerse her decision on undersea warfare which is extremely unlikely.

#### GERARD AGAIN ATTACKED. LONDON, Feb. 23.

At a meeting of the German Agriultural League, says a correspondent at Rotterdam of the London Evening News, Dr. Wild Gruhe, Conservative member in the Reichstag, said pionage office the German people will breathe freely and will be relieved of an intolerable nightmare, provided he does not return before peace is declared. Gerard's residence in Berlin and his intimate relations with our responsible authorities were painful to the German people, but the climax of the pain was reached when Gerard to England America is our worst ene-

Received a shipment of Scotch Coopers' Tools. BOWRING feb6.tf

CITY'S HEALTH. -Four cases of diphtheria and two of scarlet fever were reported within the city limits



# Message skeceived

Previous to 9 LLOYD GEORGE DISCUSSES NAGE PROBLEM.

LONDON, Feb There was a crowded House special meeting to-day to li Premier Lloyd George's states the restriction of imports a couragement of agriculture. those in the diplomatic galler Premier Borden of Canada, Massey of New Zealand, and n presentatives of the Allied dominions. The speech lasted for an hour and and was delivered with a which gave little opportunity plause. The Premier said ultimate success of the Alli depended on the solution of nage difficulty. Before the v ish tonnage had been just and since that time there had enormous increase in demand nage, more than one million British shipping had been ale France alone, and a very con amount had been set aside f and Italy, in addition a coamount had been sunk. His for dealing with the situa under two heads: first, to home production of food, an the curtailment of non-vic ports. Under the first head

### Child Was Ner

She Had No Appetite, an

How many parents realize t child who is naturally nervou You see them come from the daily with pale faces, many glasses, and looking tired ar

At home they are irritable, sleep well at nights, and are a little extra excitement. If they are to grow to healt hood and womanhood their must have attention now. St ment as Dr. Chase's Nerve F wonders for children in this tion. We are constantly rece ters from grateful parents what the Nerve Food has do their children. This one

Mrs. Stephen Hartman, Italy Lunenburg Co., N.S., writes little sister at eleven years of came nervous, irritable and s tired out. She had no appe

