the dress of a laboring man, with the

thick uncared for heard covering the lower part of his face, his hair dull

and unkempt, his hands roughened and hardened with work, his eyes, formerly so smiling and gay, now full



## The Mystery of Rutledge Hall

## "The Cloud With a Silver Lining"

CHAPTER XVI.

"No. Heaven knows," he ejaculated

"I did not risk my life for such a poor

"Yes, my life. If I am caught,

a precious possession since that wret-

"Hush-oh, hush!" she cried, in pas-

sionate pain. "Why are you so cruel,

"Frank!"

"Frank, listen! It was for a fev

tentionally-never-not for a mo-

hasty anger-by accident, perhaps.

Ah, how could one think calmly at

such a time? But, when your note

came to me, I knew-I knew that you

were innocent! Frank, if you had

"If I had had one true friend at Ash-

ford, my innocence would have been

proved easily enough, in spite of my

flight. But I had none-not one friend

in the town in which I had spent all

my life-where my father lived, where

"I?" she cried bitterly. "What could

I do-a girl, helpless, powerless, brok-

en down as I was then? But, Frank"

-she put her little hand bleadingly

upon her arm-"I am not powerless

now. Let me help you now. Let me

help you for our old friendship's

She was weeping now. The hood had

fallen from her head, the sweet, pal-

lid face was raised to his in intense

"Am I to profit by the wealth you

have acquired by your treachery to

me?" he said, bitterly. "How could I

trust you, Sidney? If I believed in

the truth of any human being, I be-

lieved in yours; and yet you were

false—false as that other woman

compassion and pity.

been proved."

you, Sidney-"

"Your life?" she questioned.

All was perfectly quiet. Unless she, sion. "I have not had reason to debetrayed herself by some sound loud; pend upon your word," he added, with enough to disturb the household, the a little jeering laugh which made hances were a hundred to one against the girl shiver from head to foot. detection: but Sidney's terror was so you here to-night only to listen to across the room, and sunk down trembling by the window, powerless in her terror and agitation, her breath coming audibly in gasping sobs.

"I cannot do it," she moaned-"it knows that my life has not been such will kill me!"-

ched night that I would take much Then she dragged herself to her feet again, and with fingers which shook trouble to save it!" so terribly that they were almost powerless unfastened the window.

The rain had ceased and the stars Frank? Are you not innocent?" were shining in the deep blue sky as she closed the window after her and pass-

With the cessation of the rain the so hard, so bitterly hard, Sidney. m had risen, and the wind was Were I guilty, all that I have suffered histling fiercely around the gables would not perhaps be too great a punand chimneys of Easthorpe. A sudden gust caught Sidney's long cloak as but I am innocent-before Heaven I she closed the window, and, snatching am innocent! And I have suffered torhe long, heavy folds from her tremb- tures enough to have been guilty of a ling hands made her stagger as she hundred such crimes." stood. As soon as she recovered her: "Then why not-why not," she beself, she moved on down the terrace, gan, tremulously. and hurriedly crossed the lawn to a breathless and exhausted that the per- sible for me to go back, Sidney." As son who was waiting for her there, they stood together, he put out both and who had started forward hastily hands and took hers, looking down at to frect her, hesitated to speak to her, the beautiful pale face on which the until the gasping, sobbing breath came moonlight fell. "Tall me-and speak more evenly. For some minutes-two the truth-did you ever doubt me? or three perhaps—there was silence Did you think me guilty of murder?" in the summer-house—a silence brokca only by Sidney's gasping breath and the wail of the wind. Then a me so? Then no wonder others did, great dark cloud was suddenly rent when you-the girl I loved, and my analder, and the moon beamed forth, promised wife-could hold such a bethrowing a flood of silver light on the lief!" pretty tastefully-laid-out grounds, and on the two white anxious faces con- moments only-the evidence was so fronting each other in a silence more overwhelming, and you were not here. eloquent than any words-a silence Oh, listen to me!" she cried piteously. which Frank Greville was the first to "I never thought you had done it in-

327 A 114 + 1 "So you have come!" he said, half ment; but I feared it had been done in reproachfully, half bitterly. "I was beginning to give you up.".

"It was difficult to get away," she answered, faintly. "But you might have known that I should come."

stayed, your innocence would have "How should I know it?" he demand ed, in the low tone of repressed pas-

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is it possible that you believed that horrible story-that you believed that I had killed the husband to run away approaching marriage between you with the wife?"

in an agony of fear, as the harsh bitter laugh rang out clearly on the stillness of the night. "We shall be over-

glancing out apprehensively into the moonlit grounds. "I am sick of the life I have been leading. To end it would be a mercy. Sidney, it is only the hope that some day I may be clear- thought, I suppose, of the happy life ed that has prevented me from putting an end to myself. Do you know-can you even, conceive what my life has been? No; how can you? Living in luxury and comfort and able to grati- next morning, when I saw you hi fy your every whim, you cannot real- wife, I think the bitterness of deal to post; what it is not to know in the morning what may happen before night; not to have a roof over your head or a meal of dry bread to keep you from starvation-"

A faint shuddering cry broke from her as she sunk down trembling or

ishment for such a dastardly crime;

"Oh great Heaven!" Never had the sadness and misery of little rustic summer house, which con- cluded bitterly. "Because I was a Frank's fate been quite absent from don there dwell a certain man ained a table and two garden-chairs. coward; and, when once I had fied, the her thoughts; she had pictured him named Thorp, whose business is a but she had not fathomed the depths of misery to which he had fallen, and the "shop," tells of what he saw as Frank was not unselfish enough to follows: spare her now. The relief was great to be able to pour out his misery where he knew he should find sympathy and commiseration. He sat were strolling with lifelike gait. It down beside the crouching, shivering brought to mind a page from "Alice girl, and Sidney's great dark eyes in Wonderland." Phantom children looked upward at him in the moonlight, while she wondered if the dark. bronzed face was indeed the face of smiling to himself as he bent over a the gallant young lover who had woo- littered bench and caressed a treasured and almost won ber for his wife, ed model in his fingers. She herself would not have recognized him in the disguise he had assumed,

avoid it.

after meals. It's wonderful how these little mint circles relieve that heavy, logy

feeling after eating. Probably that's why had their bulky little handy in their pockets. Life Savers are grand-



so bent and bowed with toil and care: and Sidney's heart seemed ready to break with anguish at sight of the ruined life, wrecked and destroyed for a woman's whim. "You are sorry for said sadly. "Heaven knows that I am!" sh answered piteously.

"I wonder," he said, musingly, look ing down at her with a dreamy look made Stephen Daunt's wife."

Sidney's face changed, and she drew back a little haughtily.

"What do you mean?" she asked. "I cannot tell you," he answered gravely. "When I saw, by chance, in and Stephen Daunt, John Daunt's on-"Hush for Heaven's sake!" she cried by son and heir, I risked my life to

"Then it was you who-" Sh faltered, looking up at him with dilated eyes.

"I who climbed up to your window on the eve of the wedding-day?" he said calmly. "Yes, I risked my life in before you-ah, such a happy life, poor



The Maker of

living out of it. A recent visitor to

In the fading light I surveyed the fascinating array of tiny houses, roads, and miniature horses and carts. Across a little bridge Lilliputians might have stolen out from behind the shadows, but I could see nobody but a kind-eyed man in the corner,

"They are not destined," said Mr. Thorp, as he welcomed me into his workshop, "for the nursery, but principally for courts of law. I have made thousands of them in the last

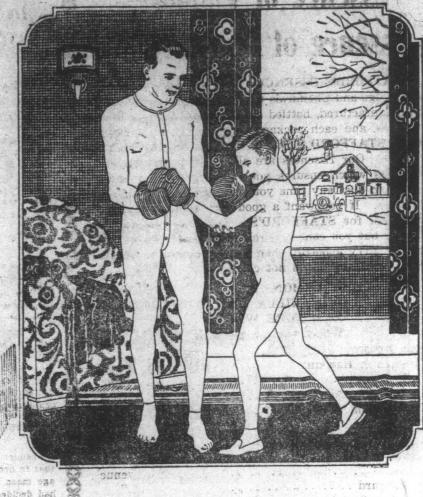
As a "Bluecoat" boy he made a model town of cardboard and wood. He charged his schoolfellows a penny each to see it! But Mr. Thorp's later models have appeared at many exhibitions-some could be seen at Wembley. Queen Alexandra was an interested visitor to his exhibit of Old London Models in 1908, and he still shows with pride, the sixpence Her Majesty paid for admission.

"Models play a tragic part in human affairs," he told me. "A short time ago a model of a bungalow was produced in court, and still more recently another of a hut on a poultry farm was used to assist a jury." Lord Darling once paid Mr. Thorp a neat compliment. The details of an action defended by Sir Edward Marshall-Hall were very complicated, but when counsel produced a model the judgethen Mr. Justice Darling-smiled "Now," he said, dryly, "I understand what you have been talking about for

the last hour." Sitting inside and outside a hous at the same time! This was the unique experience enjoyed recently by the guests of a well-known public man who was very proud of his pretty villa. He had placed a small n of the building on the dining table.

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derstandable.

Thorp. One day a young man com- toric scenes, a famous United States

graphed from every conceivable view- an mansion. "I've come right across

point. Whilst his love-sick visitor the Atlantic to find that," he exclaim-

Thorp saw these words on the back of Burn it?" the maker repeated,

one of the prints: "This was yours feeling very hurt. "Sure," was the

"Extensive alterations are being new film. Instead of burning up the

era."

made to the underground at Piccadilly big set we'll fire your model and shoot

Circus, London," Mr. Thorp continu- a few close-ups with the movie cam-

he removed the top from a large mod- before the liquids are added, when

was writing a letter to a lady, Mr. ed. "Can I burn it?"

el of the station, the arrangement of making biscuits.

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if you had come out to me."

ed. "The plans look like a jig-saw

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don and show you underneath." After

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along to your head man so that I can

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"And what sort of business do you

"Wal, it's like this," explained the

to this I'il exhibit, and I want to buy

talk business with him."

want to discuss?" he asked.

your Zoo for my kids."

Some of the films are the most feeble I have ever seen. Apparently the best go to England. There is more excitement over a missioned him to make a model of a film producer came to England in try went to the Zoo. Approaching one mayoralty election than we make over farm in Canada from particulars he search of "local color." He saw one of the keepers, he said to him: "Say, a general parliamentary election. An enormous number of people disregard birth control and are ruining their digestions with mountains of candy, rivers of sweetened soda, and

whole icebergs. Things I Have Not Seen. Anyone carrying a cane or wearing

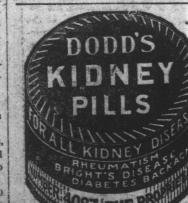
A drunken man in the street. I told American: "I've taken a great fancy this to a friend and he said I must he blindsomehore A waiter who takes the slightest

"Nothing doing in that. line," aninterest in your dinner. As long as swered the keeper, tersely; "but I'll he gets your tip he doesn't care what tell you what we might do-we might von eat or how wou like it. Things L Have Heard.

The question: "Don't you wear a nonocle and carry a stick? I thought all Englishmen did."

"I'll get you a temporary membership card for my club." This is an excellent custom.

Drain canned peaches, top with whipped cream, and use on individual biscuit short-cakes.



buy your kids for our Zoo." Englishman's View of

American Fashions London, Sept. 24 .- "American wo

men are more richly clothed than the women of any European country, and 90 per cent, of them wear silk foulard ard dresses, real silk stockings-and, incidentally, very little else, I should imagine," according to R. G. Thomson, a prominent English draperhaberdasher-just back from the Un-Ited States.

This was just one of a series of impressions he had of America and Americans, which he has listed thus: Things I Have Seen.

Ninety-nine of the male population vear straw hats. Chemists sell, among other things,

radio sets, toys, cigars, candy, iced drinks, etc., etc. I think they also seil drugs, but I am not sure. Sunday newspapers run to 1,000 pages-at least, I think there are that

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