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SYNOPSIS OF THE OPENING CHAP-

The story opens at Cairo, where Mr. Grimes, who passes as an American silver king; Sandy Barlow, a newspaper correspondent; Mr. Tanner, a millionaire traveller, and his daughter Molly, all meet. Mr. Grimes informs Grimes that his dahabeah on its way down the Nile picked up Mynheer Joe messenger from Gordon. As both Grimes and Sandy know Joe they go down to the boat to find him. Joe gives them the first news of the fall of Khartoum and Gordon's death. They bring Joe up from the boat to Molly, Millionaire Tanner's daughter, who he recognizes as a girl he once saved from drowning at

Mynheer Joe obtains presentable

Mynheer Joe obtains presentable clothes from Mr. Grimes and has an interview with Molly, who thanks him for saving her life.

At Shepherd's hotel in Cairo, where a ball is in progress, he finds a big man and a little one quarrelling. Thinking the little one is Molly's father, he takes his part.

All the while he thus explodes like the bursting of successive bombs, the big man is rolling up his coat sleeves. Ke no fool, and his eye tells him that he has no child's play before him. The remarkably well-built form of Mynheer Joe betokens an athlege, and the quiet manner in which he awaits the attack is sufficient warning that he means to do

As is natural, all this fuss and feath ers has drawn considerable attention, and quite a good sized ring is formed around the duelists. They find themselves surrounded by a mixed audience of Jew and Gentile, Moslem and pagan,

black faces, brown faces and white. The world is pretty much the same, take it as you will. When men come to blows there is no question about the audience if others are within reaching

Even on the piazza a number of the guests belonging to the hotel can be seen, having been attracted by the rumpus. As Mynheer Joe notes this with a glance, somehow he finds himself wondering whether she is there, and if Molly will understand that he is in this street brawl simply as the defender of her pater-familias—the insignificant but belligerent little aggressor. He hopes she may learn the truth.

No time is given for reflection, since the other means business from the word go. Having prepared himself for the work in hand by rolling up his sleeves. the Western cyclone now comes at the

explorer with great fury. His force seems irresistible; so does that of the giant waves that come rolling in with tremendous energy, and yet the result is ever the same when they strike against the wall of rock that marks the shore. There is a concuss on, a splendid picture; the rock is there just the same as before, but the wave has been beaten back, baffled, into the

trough of the sea whence it sprang.
So in this case, Mynheer Joe represents the steadfast rock of Gibraltar. He meets the furious onset of his pow-erful antagonist coolly, and for a brief period blows rain between.

Then the assailant backs out to get a new lease of breath. Astonishment is marked upon his face. He has believed himself an expert in the use of his fists. but in this quiet man he finds one who

can give him points.

Although baffled in his first endeavor to down this champion of the little ter-rier that snapped at his heels, the other does not give up the fight yet. He is still in it, to the extent of his two hundred pounds' avoirdupois, and if he can only put one of his sledge-hammer blows just where it is wanted, he will ask for nothing better.

Already, though the affair has lasted only a minute or so, the sympathes of the crowd are plainly on Joe's side. His action in assuming the place of the small man has been seen; and, besides, his way of carrying himself wins the hearts of the onlookers, many of whom can appreciate the beauties of the manty art, even if unable to box scientifically

Thus, when the first round ends in the rough Western cyclone being hurled back, winded and baffled, if not badly used, a murmur of gratification arises

from the crowd. They have already sized the two duelists up, and although Mynheer Joe is not near so heavy as his antagonist, the victory is in his grasp, according to their

way of thinking.

As for Joe, himself, he means to injure
the other just as little as possible. Circumstances and his love of fair play have thrown him into the arena, and since he has taken a hand in the game, he must carry it out to the end.

This sort of business is not to his

liking; he has never posed as a gladiator or a prize-fighter before an audience, but he firmly believes he is doing his whole duty.

While he regains his breath and prepares for a second round, the Western tornado gives vent to his feelings in his

explosive way.

"Ginger, I reckon I've bit off marGinger, I reckon I've bit off mar"Ginger, I reck you'll find me game to the backbone, I come of a game family, and we don't give up the ship. Rather like the cut of your jib, strenger, and your style in taking the part of that little bantam tells me you're a Yankee, every inch of Sorry to spoil your looks. but

understand what you invited when y

answer he can get from Joe. It is a plain invitation, and the other accepts it in the spirit it is given. He again advances to the attack, his face showing a determination to end the

battle then and there. Once more the air seems to be full of flashing arms as the two engage in a hot series of blows and counters, side-shoots and parries. Neither appears to be getting the better of it, and yet one experienced in the craft of boxing can readily see a difference in their work.. The assailant is putting in his best work, endeavoring to win; while Mynheer Joe does not seem to be exerting himself to the ulmost. When the time comes for him to do so, something will give way in Denmark.

Joe is waiting for a change. It is his desire to get in a knock-out blow. This, to be quite successful and end the affair, must be delivered in a certain quarter, and it is with this idea in view

that he dallies. Fiercer grew the efforts of the other to get in behind his guard. Those who look on see that the fighting is almost wholly done by one man, and if inexperienced, they believe he has the matter all in his own hands. They will

earn something presently. Watching the panting cyclone make a last desperate rush upon Joe, they see an arm suddenly shoot out straight from the shoulder, and hear a resounding whack as the knuckles come in contact with the other's head

That ends it. The blow has been adroitly given, and Joe stands there alone on the flags. His antagonist has reeled back in the arms of a friend. There is no more fight left in him; that is positive.

Loud exclamations arise; they mark the approbation of the audience. The affair has ended just as nearly as every one bas wished—if we except the defeat-

ed participant himself. Mynheer Joe has no desire to remain there the centre of attraction. He is modest by nature and seeks no notoriety. As he turns to move away he feels his hand squeezed Turning, he finds

the little man whose champion he be came. The weazened up face of the bantam glows with pleasure. "A thousand thanks, my good fellow You gave him all he deserved—the beast! Just what I would have done for him,

if you had let me get at him! Oh, you needn't smile; size doesn't cut in f.gure in it. All depends on scientific skill, siron skill!" "No doubt! Glad to have done you

a service. See you some time later," says Joe, conscious that the crowd is pressing around them again and feeling very unpleasant. "But, my dear sir, you must allow me

to publicly thank you for your services. Here is my card,"—Joe rams it in his pocket without even a glance at it—"and I beg that you offer you this."

Before Mynheer Joe realizes what he is about, the other has filled his hand with gold pieces. So indignant is the explorer at the act that he does not even note the fact of their being English sovereigns, but with an explosive ejaculation, hurls the precious metal out upon the square.

This causes a wild stampede of the rowd; excitement reigns supreme; dontey drivers tussle with dragomans, fakirs roll over Arab sheiks all filled with the mad greed of gold. Never before in the history of Cairo has the precious metal been sown broadcast like

The little man, whose idea seems to be that money can pay for any service, looks surprised at first, but shows no signs of anger. He is something of a philosopher on a small scale and accustomed to meeting strange people.

"Very well," he chatters, with a wave of the arm; "we will consider the obligation settled by my thanks, then. I can do you a favor at any time, call upon me, good fellow."

With this, he marches off: His arrogance is really amusing. Mynheer Joe would be tempted to use the toe of his boot to accelerate the fellow's deparure, only that he remembers one important factor-this little man is the "dear old governor" of the charming Molly, and any indignity offered to him will be sure to recoil on his own head. So he allows the dwarfed pugnacious specimen to depart in one direction, while he starts to leave the scene in another.

Neither of them gets five feet away ere some acquanintance brings them up. With Joe it is Mr. Grimes. The silver king has not known of the duel on the flagging until it is over. Then some one tells him that the gentleman who so lately accompanied him in his walk is engaged in a fight near by. As he meets Joe face to face, his eye

glances up and down the other's figure. There is not a sign of his having been in a fracas, "All a mistake," he mutters aloud.

"What is?" asks Joe, smiling.

"They told me you were engaged in a street brawl. I came hurrying up, sup-posing you had been marked already by secret sympathizers of the False Prophet, known to be in Cairo, only to find that they have deceived me.

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