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wthornthwaite said that the inance had last session denere was any arrangement livation Army. He took the course of denying that the time the House prothen made known that t had been made with the aling with the House. The rmy was circulating litera-Old Land to induce skilled ne to British Columbia unresentations. The Salvadid this at the same time ey were acting under of the government of the

ier alluded to the fact that members were endeavorke it appear that conditions in le condition, and that there destitution. se stories. He could not see the Socialists hoped to gain He did not see that this would ers to their ranks.

s a demand for domestic lar farm labor in this country. ent was simply trying to nt. No skilled labor was to dine thought the government

er all the inducement necesing immigrants to this coun as an outrage to bring labor atry under the present condiere was no question that large numbers out of work. for immigration should be ieving the want of the untion policy of its own indeditions in Cowichan,

Hayward went into the ques ed by Mr. Williams for the those in Cowichan who were Mr. Williams had not been ve him the names, but had ere the cases were found. He ward) had written to the govagent about the matter. The gone out to Mount Sicker onditions were supposed He had received a letter from nent agent, who said that e men out of work, but these

liams was glad that the conere as good as the gover d found them at Mount Sicker. lowever, that doubt might be the report of the govern-t, in view of the fact that the cil of Nanaimo had absolutely ted the situation there. Innes said the Socialists stood and were objecting to this this account

sen said that the Salvation ad done at least one good thing ng girls in the places formerly Chinamen. These white girls ne so well satisfied with con that they would not leave Vic Innes said that if white girls

splaced Chinamen it was beney took lower wages than the the parasites of society employ

ion with the discrepancy ng the timber royalties Hon. F n explained that he had got mation. There was yet a d y, but part of it was explained. as estimated to be 180 million inscaled, which would repre 00. There was estimated to be arrears. This reduced the disr said this was in part sat ry, but he could not regard that the logs in the water as sat ory as this would be likely to be int carried over from last year em for log scaling passed. imittee rose and the House

considered the supplementary he Kettle Creek bridge was gone length, and showed a lament dition of affairs.

Press Gallery, Feb. 29th, 1908. diately upon opening this morn-10.20 the House went into comof supply again. The supple

he vote of \$250 for the legislative . Henderson raised the point re was no private room wher ers could consult with visitors me to see them. The leader of t it might be sense to provide

nmodation by buildpremier agreed with this, but at other pressing needs had nted this being done up to the nt. It would be considered during

agency, wanted Ladysmith ent office again opened. premier said the closing of the ith office had been done on the dation of the inspector The time, it was felt, had not r the reopening of the office Villiams argued that with extra it Nanaimo and in other ways the doing the work came within f the cost of having an office in ith, Without an agency there nese and Japanese were escap-

art Henderson inquired concern-(Continued on page 12).

THE YELLOW GOD

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CHAPTER XXII (Continued).

'Now, Major, you get up and follow me for I know every inch of ground,

Jeeki; "no more good to us. Can go and see how Big Bonsa feel, if he like," and strentching out his big hand as though in a moment of abstraction, he removed the costly necklaces from their uch he wore. Also he picked up the gilded linen mask which Alan had removed from his head and placed it in the same receptacle remarking that he always taught it was wicked to waste

anything."
Then they started, the Mungana following them. Jeeki paused and waved him off, but the poor wretch still came on, whereon Jeeki produced the big,

on, whereon Jeeki produced the crooked knife, his own knife.

"What are you going to do?" said till in the afternoon once more they saw the read running beneath them Cut off head of that cocktail man, Major, and so save him lot of trouble

sense," said Alan sternly, "let let go a swift runner was sent forward which he stared, the poor devil come along if he likes.

One good turn deserves another."

"Just so, Major, he want cut our throats, so I want cut his—one good been done. Let them descend to the guietly and unexpectedly, he went over the description of the likes.

The poor devil come along if he likes. Commanding that a good boat should be provisioned and made ready for them, and by now doubtless this has the length, without another sound, very quietly and unexpectedly, he went over turn deserves another, as wise king road, walk on to the bay and ask for the side of the boat. For a few secsary in Book, when he give half baby be it, Major, specially as it no matter, row back to it and take us into the vanished. 'You mean that he will run away,

Oh! no, he not run away, he in too | would happen if Fahni, finding himself blue funk for that. But something run away with him, because he ought die not to come to fetch them. to-morrow night. Oh, yes, you see, you see, and Jeeki hope that something not run away with you too, Major, because you ought be married at same time."

"Hope not, I am sure." answered Alan, and bethinking him of Big Bonsa willowing and screaming on the water and bieeding out white blood, he shivered a little.

By this time advancing at a irot. to-morrow night. Oh, yes, you see, you Alan translated his words to the old

By this time, advancing at a trot, the Mungana running after them like a dog, they had entered bush plerced with a few wandering paths. Along these paths they sped hour after hour, Jeeki leading them without a moment's hesitation. They met no man and heard nothing excent occasional weird heard nothing, except occasional weird bore away to the right towards the pro-

of the bush they perceived a fire burning near the road and round it five or He ing near the road and round it live or six men, who seemed to be asleep. Their hours, but no boat came.

first thought was to avoid them, but the Mungana, creeping up to Alan, for Jeski he would not approach, whisper-boit and leave us here, and to-morrow Jeski he would not approach, whisper-boit and leave us here, and to-morrow Jeski, who slept a good deal, and as

'Not Asiki, Ogula chief and slaves who left Bonsa-Town yesterday." They crept nearer the fire and saw edingly, they awoke the old chief

time for all that. Fahni." said Alan. "Give us food." Now of this, as it chanced, there was blenty, since by the Asika's orders the slaves had been laden with as much as they could carry. They ate it ravenously, and while they ate, told Fahni he old chief listened, amazed, but, like ed the Mungana, who would have killed

explanations, answered that he had kept him with them because he might

aimed the old cannibal "although he s so thin he will always make a meal two at a pinch. Truly, the white in are wise and provident. Like the ants, they take thought for the mor-

As soon as they had swallowed their oud they started all together, for alugh Alan pointed out to Fahni that had a real affection for him, would

us live or die together," he said. w Jeeki, abandoing the main road, em up stream, walking in th er so that their footsteps might

escaped from Bonsa-Town; thought it was the Mungana. Fahni asked who had brought the ru whereupon the headman answered that it came "in a dream," and would say no more. Then he demanded the canoe which had been promised to him and his people, and the headman admitte that it was ready in accordance with orders received from the Asiki, but demurred to letting him have it. A long argument followed, in the midst of which Fahni and his men got into the canoe, the headman apparently daring to use force to prevent him. Just as they were pushing off, a mes-senger arrived from Bonsa-Town, reeling with exhaustion and his tongue anging from his jaws, who called out that it was the white man who had scaped with his servant and the Mungana, and that although they were believed to be still hidden in the hoty voods near Bonsa-Town, none were allowed to leave the bay. So the head-

nan shouted to Fahni to return, but

he pretended not to hear, and rowed

the moon.

faithfulness, and they paddled of steadily, putting mile after mile besteadily, putting mile after mile between them and Asiki-land. He wondered whether he had seen the last of the steady of the ste that country and its inhabitants.

The following morning morning master. The following morning this Ogula was killed the fighting with two of his companion. He was sure that the Asika would not allow him to depart in peace without making some desperate effort to recapture him. Far as he was away, it leave no trace, and thus away into the seemed to him that he could feel her barren mountains which rose between fury hanging over him like a cloud, a them and the great swamp. On the cloud that would burst in a rain of me, for I know every inch of ground, also by and by good short cut over mountains. You see, Jeeki very clever bey, and when he herd sheep and goat he roade note of everything and never the hateful, river-encircled place. There

which he had lived for so many weeks.

"Glad to hear it, I am sure," answerd Alan as he rose. "But what's to besome of the Mungana?"

"Bon't know and don't care," said eeki; "no more good to us. Can go and see how Big Bonsa feel, if he like," and see how Big Bonsa feel, if he like, and strentching out his big hand as those hough in a moment of abstraction, he demoved the costly necklaces from their temoved the costly necklaces from their temoves the fold the others, and there the looked at the full moon shining the looke "Glad to hear it, I am sure," answered Alan as he rose. "But what's to beguide's neck and thrust them into the mony. At once he saw that there was something wrong with the man. A something wrong with the man. A escape and the fashion of it, and how would she greet him if he were recapcurious change had come over his emaciated face. It was working like tured and taken back to her? Well, he would not be recaptured. He had still some cartridges, and he would fight till that of a maniac. Foam appeared they killed him, or falling that, save the last of them for himself. Never, the last of them for himself. Never, never could be endure to be dragged back to Bonsa-Town, there to live and back to Bonsa-Town, there to live and stars. Jeeki hit him on the head and bade him be silent, but he took no no-

tice, even when he hit him again more heavily. Presently came the clilike a ribbon, and at the end of it the lagoon. Now they rested a while, and max. The man sprang up in the canoe, Major, and so save him lot of trouble.

Also we got no grub and if we find any he want eat a lot. Chop what do for two, p'r'aps, make very short commons for three. Also he might play dirty trick, so much best dead."

"Nonsense," said Alan sternly, "let let go a swift runner was sent forward while they ate. Also he might play dirty trick, so much best dead."

"Nonsense," said Alan sternly, "let let go a swift runner was sent forward which he stared.

"He pointed to the full moon above and how and in while they ate. Across that lagoon they could not estimated to see in the air near by, and gibbered to

an that didn't want it. Well, so er, and after nightfall this chief can ments sinking to the depths, then he

CHAPTER XXIII.

Alan said that the plan was good

but Jeeki shook his head, asking what Pursuit. They waited a while, expecting that he would rise again. But he never rose. A shot-weighted corpse could not have disappeared more finally and completely. The thing was very aw-ful, and for a while there was silence, great army of men. which as usual was broken by Jeeki. "That gay dog gone," he said in a reflective voice, "All those old ghosts come to fetch him at proper time. No good run away from ghosts; they travel too quick; one jump, and pop up where you no expect. Well, more

place for Jeeki, now," and he spread himself out comfortably in the empty-seat, adding, "Like Mungana's room much better than company, he go in scene-bath every day and stink too hesitation. They met no hear heard nothing, except occasional weird sounds, which Alan put down to wild beasts, but Jeeki and the Mungana said were produced by ghosts. Indeed, it appeared that all this jungle was supposed to be haunted, and no Asika would enter it at night, or unless he would enter it at night would he escape the spell that had demontory proved to be covered with would he escape the spell that had dewas an excellent place for fugitives who sorcly needed a good start.

montory proved to be covered with would ne escape the spen that had described they stroyed his predecessor in the affections of the priestess of the Bonsas? Or

At length the day began to dawn just darkness, not without hurt and diffi-as they reached the main road where culty. Still they accomplished it, and as they reached the main road where cuity. Still they accomplished it, and it crossed the hills, whence on his journey thirther Alan had his first velw of Ponsa-Town. Peering from the edge between some stones at the waler's dered at the very thought of it, for all he hed windows to the arms of the Asika or very point where they hid themselves between some stones at the waler's he had undergone and seen made him Here they waited for three long superstititious, then bade the men pad-

Asika nobble us. Better have gone a consequence awoke at dawn much down to bay, steal his boat and leave refreshed. When the sun rose they him behind, because Asika no want found themselves across the lagoon, over thirty miles from the borders of Alan made no answer. He was too Asiki-land, almost at the spot whe tired, and although he trusted rann, the liver up that it seemed likely enough that Jeeki was some months before flowed out of the lake. Whether by chance or skill, tired, and although he trusted Fahni, the river up which they had travelled be spirits. But when he recognized Alan, he flung himself on his knees and been able to get the boat. Well, he had been able to get the boat. Well, he had been able to get the boat. Well, he had been able to get the boat. in, he flung himself on his knees and done his best, and if Fate overtcok straight course. Now, however, they them it was no fault of his. He began were face to face with a new trouto doze, for even their imminent peril ble, for scarcely had they begun to decould not keep his eyes open, then prescend the river when they discovered sently awoke with a start, for in his that at this dry season of the year it sleep he thought he heard the sound of was in many places too shallow paddles beating the quiet water. Yes, low the canoe to pass over the sand there, dimly seen through the mist, was a canoe, and seated in the stern of it but one thing to be done-abandon it Fahni. So that danger had gone by and walk.

So they landed, ate from their store He woke his companions, who slept of food, and began a terrible and toilat his side, and very silently they rose, some journey. On either side the stepping from rock to rock till they river lay desiccated swamp covered reached the canoe and entered it. It with dead reeds ten or twelve feet was not a large craft, barely big righ. Doubtless beyond this swamp enough to hold them all indeed; but there was high land, but in order to they found room, and then at a sign reach this, if it existed, they would be from Fahni the oarsmen gave way so obliged to force a path through miles heartily that within half an hour they of reeds, therefore they thought had lost sight of the accursed shores of safer to follow the river bank. Their

Asiki-land, although presently its progress was very slow, since continountains showed up clearly beneath ually they must make detours to avoid a quicksand or a creek, also the stones Meanwhile Fahni had told his tale. It and scrubby growth delayed them, so ppeared that when he reached the bay that fifteen or at most twenty miles he found the Asiki headman who dwelt was a good day's march. Still they there, and those under him, in a state of considerable excitement. Rumors went on steadily, seeing no man, and had reached them that someone had



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away, nor did anyone attempt to fol- or the fish which they caught in plenty bygones. If you don't you make a ow him. Still it was only after night- in the shallows, and on young flapper quarrel between us and the Ogula, fall that he dared to put the boat about ducks, that haunted the reeds. So at and they will give us up to the Asixi, and return to the headland, as he had length they came to the main river Perhaps the man did not eat your Ma; promised. That was all he had to say. into which this tributary flowed, and I understand that he denies it, and

Alan thanked him heartily for his camped there thankfully, believing that when you remember what she was f any pursuit of them had been un-lertaken, it was abandoned. At least he has a right to a trial, and I will

solemn voice, "I got something show you," and he led him to the foot of an old willow tree, adding, "Now up you go, Major, and look." So Alan went up, and from the top-

most fork of that tree saw a sight at which his blood turned cold. For there not five miles behind them, on either side of the river bank, the light gleaming on their spears, marched two endhe made note of everything and never forget nothing. He pun you out of this had lived for so many weeks. There had lived for so many weeks. head-dresses he took to be Asiki. For

ward wind soon did the rest; indeed within a quarter of an hour a vast sheet of flame twenty or thirty feet in height was rushing towards the Asiki

All that day they ran, pausing at intervals to get their breath, and at night rested, because they must. When morning they looked back from a little advancing not a mile behind. Doubtless across country. So they began to run again harder than before, and kept their lead during the morning; when afternoon came the Asiki gained on them. Now they were breasting long rise, the river running in the cleft beneath, and Jeeki, who seemed to be absolutely untiring, held Alan by the hand, Fahni following close behind. Two of their men had fallen down and been abandoned, and the rest straggled.

"No go, Jeeki," gasped Alan, "they will catch us at the top of the hill." "Never say die, Major, never say die." puffed Jeeki, "they get blown too, and who know what other side of hill?" Somehow they struggled to the crest, and behold! there beneath them was a

"Ogula!" yelled Jeeki, "Ogula! Just what I tell you, Major, who know what other side of any hill?"

CHAPTER XXIV.

A Meeting in the Forest, In five minutes more they were among the Ogula, who, having recognized their cheif while he was yet some way off, greeted him with rapturous nation, they retreated across a little stream which run down the valley, four answer?" thousand or more of them, and prepared for battle. That evening, however, of the Asiki reached the top of the rise to the enemy, who were in strength they halted, and finally retired.

Now Alan, and Fahni also, honed that

with her."

ner when they catch her.' any risk for a few hours' rest. At this and Alan boded evil from his face.

of his mother, who had been their first selves."

'No Major" he answered gloomily Fahni" ean't learn nothing of my Ma, don't know where she is. Oulga camp no voice, "the night is dark and the forest place for old girl if they short of chop. not so far away. Moreover, I have set. his feet. But p'r'haps she never get there; I se round and find out "

some purpose, for just as Alan was dropping off to sleep in his bough shelter, a most fearful din arose without, of the forest. Now, if you were not If Miss Barbara marry him he no ferations of Jeeki. Running out of the | you up?" Asika to guide the bearers, rolling over the months we spent together in Bonsaand over on the ground, watched by a Town, will you not?" eki who notwithstanding his years for so long as I shall live. Walk fast

Jecki. "My Ma inside that black villed in, that all. Dirty cannibal got dispersion of one ostrich and eather up with his mates, all except one who not like her taste and tell me. They catch poor old lady asleep by road and stop and lunch at once when Asiki bearers and lunch at once when Asiki bearers "Come on, Major," he said, handing to add that all the same we mean to got that camp, and that if any violence towards us is attempted as we they approached Jeeki made some suggestion which, after some hesitating wou are in our hands."

"Yes, my Lord," added Jeeki boward of this talk, was already engaged in got that camp, and that if any violence towards us is attempted as we they approached Jeeki made some suggestion which, after some hesitating wou are in our hands."

"Yes, my Lord," added Jeeki boward on the towards us attempted as we they approached Jeeki made some suggestion which, after some hesitating wou are in our hands."

"Yes, my Lord," added Jeeki boward on the towards us attempted as we they approached Jeeki made some suggestion which, after some hesitating moment, the others seemed to accept, for they noded their heads and separately and that monkeys don't tell no add that all the same we mean to go to that camp, and that if any violence towards us is attempted as we approach it, you will remember that you are in our hands."

"Yes, my Lord," added Jeeki bowards which are towards us attempted as we approach it, you will remember that you are in our hands."

"Yes, my Lord," added Jeeki bowards which are towards us attempted as we approach it, you will remember that you are in our hands." and lunch at once when Asiki bearers "Come on, Major," he said, handing ing, "and that monkeys don't tell no ated for a little.

Not looking. Let me get at him. Major, Alan one spear and taking another tales, my Lord, and that here there Jeeki stepped forward and asked & let me get at him. If I can't bury roy himself. "Old cannibal quite right, Ma, as all good son ought to do, I bury very nice night for walk. Come on, him, which next best thing."

ions, while the others involved in tho charge kept themselves out of sight. Whether Jeeki's "Ma" was or was not eaten by the Ogula no one ever learned for certain. At least, she was never

heard of any more. Alan was sleeping heavily when a sound of rushing feet and of strange, thrilling battle-cries awoke him. He sprang up, snatching at a spear and shield which Jeeki had provided for him, and ran out to find from the posiof the moon that dawn was near.

"Come on, Major, said Jeeki; "the Asiki make night attack; they always like do everything at night who love darkness because their eye evil. Co on, quick, Major," and he began to drag him off toward the rear. "But that's the wrong way," said

Alan, presently: "They are attacking over there." "Do you think Jeeki fool, Major, that he don't know that? He take you where they not attacking. Plenty Ogula io be killed, but not many white men like

"You cold-blooded old scoundre!!" ejaculated Alan, as he turned and bolt- Jeeki seemed to have no difficulty in ed back towards the noise of fighting, finding the way, for, as Fahni said, a followed by his reluctant servant,

By that time he reached the first ranks, which were some way off, the worst of the attack was over. It had been short and sharp, for the Asiki had hoped to find the Ogula unprepared and the light came upon the following to take their camp with a rush. But the Ogula, who knew their habits, were waiting for them, so that presently they withdrew, carrying off their what that?" wounded, and leaving about fifty dead upon the ground. As soon as he was quite sure that the enemy were all gone "Think Fanny not lie after all," went soldiers, armed with a long battle-axe. wounded, wondered why he took so wounded, wondered why he took so much interest in them. Half an hour later his curiosity was satisfied, for run; the prospect of seeing a white face again was too much for them. Half are so further on they caught over his shoulder.

"Off poor chaps that peg out just now, Major. Remember Asiki soldiers nearly always wear these things and that they no more use to them now.

But if ever he get out of this Jeeki want So he fetch them. Hard work though that he who no provide for his own self dress and his face, burnt coppe worse than cannible!"

Just then Fahni came up and an-at once. "Aylward!" he gasped. "Aylward! nounced that the Asiki general had sent a messenger into the camp proposing You here?"

terms of peace. "What terms?" asked Alan. "These, White Man: That we should

"Indeed, Fahni, and what did you "White Man, I refused, but I tell there was no fighting, for when the first captains wished to accept. They said that I had come back to them safe, and that they fear the Asiki, who are devover Alan's head it cut a neat groove grew fierce. and saw that the fugitives had escaped that they fear the Asiki, who are devfighting with them. Still I refused, saythe pursuit was abandoned, but again Jeeki shook his big head, saying:

"Not at all, Major; I know Asiki and their little ways. While one of them bons. So the messenger went back their little ways. While one of them bons. So the messenger went back lay, pinned fast.

"In the pursuit was abandoned, but again ing that if they gave you up I would weight of his charge knocked him backwards to the ground, and there he backwards to the ground, and there he lay, pinned fast.

"Not at all, Major; I know Asiki and big Lord, too, out here, great backwards to the ground, and there he lay, pinned fast.

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only rearguard actions indeed, every After this a council of war was heid, day the Asiki sent messengers renewnd it was decided to camp there that | ing their offers of peace on the sole night, since the position was good, to condition of the surrender of himself eet an attack if one should be made, and Jeeki. At last one evening they

was quite worn out, and ready to take he had eaten, Fahni visited him here ouncil, he learned also that the Asika | "White Man," he said, "I can protect earers, carrying his gold with their you no longer. The Asiki messengers that your servant is angry, but the hem. These Asiki bearers, it seemed, river, and all the women and children

"Friend," said the old chief in a low no guards on that side of the river, and Jeeki here does not forget a road that "Do I understand-Apparently Jeeki did "nose round" to he has travelled. Lastly I have heard

was a man of enormous strength, got and far, for the Asiki are clever at folthe better of the Ogula, and kneeling on his stomach, was proceeding to the stomach, was proceeding to the cunning at him. Alan him officers of the control ragged him off, and asked what was that I will surrender you at dawn,"

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stream and started up the opposite slope, meeting no man. Dark as it was once travelled. All night long they walked rapidly, and when dawn broke found themselves at the edge of the

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mean by that tale about white people?" "Don't know, Major, think perh lie to let you down easy. My golly!

Jeeki went off to inspect these fallen on Jeeki; "that white man's gun, sharp crack, smokeless powder, but wonder Alan, who was helping the Ogula how he come in this place. Well, we wounded, wondered why he took so soon find out. Come on, Major."

sight of a figure engaged in stalking "Where did you get those, Jeeki?" he a buck among the trees, or so they judged from his cautious movem "White man!" said Jeeki, and Alan

They crept forward silently and with eare, for who knew what this white man might be after, keeping a great beyed orders." spend his old age in respectable peace. tree between them and the man, till at length passing round its bole, they for rings all in one bit and Asiki very found themselves face to face with him tough to chop. Don't look cross, Major, you remember what 'postle say, standing his unaccustomed tropical ored by the sun, Alan knew the man

He started. He stared at Alan. Then as countenance changed. Its habitual calm broke up as it was won't to do cheers and the clapping of hands.

Then, as there was no time for expla
our way unharmed."

calm broke up as it was won't to do
in moments of deep emotion. It became very evil as though some demon of hate and jealousy were at work behind it. The thin lips quivered, the you," he added warningly, "that my or warning he lifted the rifle and fired or warning he lifted the rifle and fired

ils, not men, and who will bring the through the hair of the taller Jeeki, curse of Bonsa on them if they go on who was immediately behind him. the pursuit was abandoned, but again ing that if they gave you up I would of a tiger, Jeeki was on Aylward. The ki. Jeeki no one in England, but Jeeki Next instant with a spring like that

"Perhaps she is with them herself," suggested Alan, "and we might treat is with her."

Then began that long tramp down the river which Alan always thought after "No, Major, Asika never leave Bonsa-"

"No, Major, Asika never leave Bonsa-"

I pray you always to keep close to me that I may watch over you."

Then began that long tramp down the river which Alan always thought after wards tried him more than any of the magistrates' court here in Dwarf Formal Programs of the course of the cours Town, that against law, and if she do so, priests make another Asika and kill though there was but little fighting, to the word.

all this while had stood amazed. "There lay some dreadful iron purpose, must be some mistake, he cannot have any rate he halted with Alan, who

meet an attack if one should be made, and the Ogula were afraid of being and the Ogula were afraid of being caught on the march, with their baras first met the Ogula, and once more he caught on the march, with their baras first met the Ogula, and once more he his bullet go through my hair, Major, his hand. Meanwhile Jeeki, who held towards the enemy. Alan was glad camped upon the island on which he enough to hear this decision, for he had shot the lion. At nightfall, after Jeeki as he obeyed. "Of course it was a mistake, Vernon, yards away. ward, as he rose. "I do not wonder

gula guides, had arrived safely among have been with us again, and they say truth is that your sudden appearance that unless we give you up to-morrow frightened me out of my wits and I at the dawn, their army will push on fired automatically. We have been livvancing towards Asiki-land, though the business was one that did not please which is two days' march down the are not as strong as they used to be." "Indeed," answered Alan. "No, Jeeki ad gone on into the forest with the in it, and that afterwards they will will carry the rifle for you; yes, and I ld, and nothing more had been neard fight a great battle with us. There- think that pistol also, every ounce fore, my people say that I must give you up, or that if I do not they will climate, and I remember that you all don't waste breath in lying. I saw you Alan asked Jeeki if he had any tidings elect another chief and do so them- ways were dangerous with fire-arms. There, you will be more comfortable so. "Then you must give up a dead man, And now, who do you mean by 'we'?" "I mean Barbara and myself," he an- tell the story, Lord Aylward?

Alan's jaw dropped; he shook upon

"Barbara and yourself!" he said. "Don't you understand nothing, Marough which he recognized the voci- here in the morning, how could I give want shoot you; he ask you to tea to sneering answer.

"I do not choose to receive you and nd over on the ground, watched by a urious crowd. Just as he arrived "Yes, and of you also, White Man, said Aylward, grinding his teeth." "We quite understand that, Sir Rob-

"Lord Aylward, if you please, Major

"I beg your pardon-Lord Aylward. and without more words he vanished chase of that title, I did not know that ed to be soldiers, for they carried guns 'Matter, Major!" yelled the indignant out of their sight and out of their lives. it had been completed. I was about ecki. "My Ma inside that black vi!- Meanwhile Jeeki, foreseeing the Issue to add that all the same we mean to were being add. ssed by

"Jeeki, Jeeki," said Alan, "exercise a this happen and try it before dark. to death lawful or unlawful, according Aylward's express rifle which he carchristian spirit and let bygones be You just follow Jeeki, that all you got as evidence may show when got, my ried, and fired first one barrel and

you, and in all the world only one their bough shelter, they waded the to the left, where I think kettle sing." So having no choice Aylward came, marching between the other two and saying nothing. When they had gone a couple of hundred yards Alan also ed like a man crying out in pain. Then suddenly they passed round some great trees and reached a glade in the forest where there was a spring of water which Alan remembered. In this glade the camp had been built, surrounded within which stood two tents and some native shelters made of tall grass and oughs. Outside of this camp a curious and unpleasant scene was in prog-

> To a tall tree that grew there was tied a man, who from the fashion of his hair Alan knew to belong to the coast negroes, while two great fellows, evidently of another tribe, flogged him percifully with hide whips

"Ah," exclaimed Jeeki, "that the kettle what I hear sing. Think you bet-ter take him off fire, my Lord, or he boil over. Also his brothers no seem to like that music," and he pointed to number of other men who were standing round watching the scene

with sullen dissatisfaction.
"A matter of camp discipline," mut-

But now Jeeki was shouting something to the natives in an unknown tongue which they seemed to understand well enough. At any rate the flogging ceased, the two fellows who were inflicting it slunk away and the other man ran towards them, shout-

ing back as they came.
"All right, Major. You please stop here one minute with my Lord, late Bart., of Bloody Hand. Some of these chaps friends of mine. I meet them Old Calabar while we get ready to in moments of deep emotion. It became very evil as though some demon talk with them and find out thing or

terference with his servants and so forth. Jeeki turned on him with a very ugly grin and showing his white

"Beg pardon, Right Honorable Lord," he said, or rather snarled, "you and, White Man, we march at once, and I pray you always to keep close to me I pray you always to keep close to me There was something about Jeeki's manner that frightened Avlward, who

"Let him go, Jeeki. Take his rifle understood for the first time that beand let him go," exclaimed Alan, who neath all the negro's grotesque talk

"We always dislike each other, Vernon, but I must say that I never thought a time would come when you

camp," said Avlward. "Odd thing," answered Alan, "but a very similar idea was in my mind. I never thought. Lord Avlward, that financially, a time could come when recognize me, aim, and fire, after which Jeeki would have had the other barrel,

Aylward made no answer, but Alan felt that if wishes could kill him he would not live long. His eye fell upon earth, beneath a tree. He calculated its length, and with a thrill of terror noticed that it was too small for a negro. "Who is buried there?" he asked.

"Find out for yourself," was the ferations of Jeeki. Running out of the shelter, he discovered his retainer and a great Oulga, whom he knew again as the headman who had been 1m-prisoned with him and freed by the prisoned wit "Don't be afraid, Lord Aylward, I ned to be coming to some decision. Presently one of them ran and cut the lashings of the man who had been wards them and joined in the inting to his wounds. Then the two fellows who had been engaged in flogging him, accompanied by eight com--swaggered towards the group who

> ain't no twelve good-trues to sit on question of the soldiers, to which they very nice night for walk. Come on, noble corpse unhappily deceased, my replied with a derisive shout. Then, Major, river shallow just here. I think Lord, and to bring in verdict of done without a word of warning he lifted

