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To run upstairs and put on her jacket and bonnet-she always wears a bonnet as being more decorous, she says-as a fact, hats do a't become her and to walk down of Cutforth Hall being found in the library arranging her husband's books—she always mandays afterwards to rearrange them-Bella pours out her grievance with

eloquent tongue.
"It is impossible, isn't it? You wouldn't hear of it, would you? Just consider? That girl of all others. No man's name, or comfort, would be safe with her. Why." angrily, "don't you speak, Maria? You have so often told

an engagement, that—"
"I've said a lot of things in my
time," says Maria, solemnly, flicking the duster to and fro, and occasionally very close to Bella's nose. "And so have you, I daresay. But I have learned to believe, that neither you nor I ed to believe, that neither you nor I can prevent Stephen doing just as he likes, either in the way of choosing a likes, er anything else."

There is a long, long pause, and then at last:

wife, or anything else."
"You mean to give in, then?" gasps
Bella. "To let him destroy his whole
life by marrying this girl. Oh!" She pauses as though too over-filled with righteous indignation to give voice to another syllable. But presently she rallies. "And you—" Her eyes are now flashing with a fire that has something vindictive in it. "You who pro-

reat Maria, as though expecting and reparing for an explosion from herut to her surprise it never comes. Mrs. Cutforth-Boss, as though not hearing her, is looking up at the cornice, and drumming her fingers on the table. She is evidently lost in thought. Not udging by the curves of her masculine

thing in it," says she at last. "That Stephen actually means to marry her?" She brings her eyes down from the cornice to look at Bella, and once again hope revives in that intriguer's breast.
"Oh, beyond doubt! Beyond any doubt! Alec says it is plain. Unless unless someone comes forward to pre-vent Stephen from taking this fatal step, he will undoubtedly marry Miss strong enough! Now she will come to the rescue! Maria has gone back, however, to her calculations, and is again smiling. After a moment she

Nell Prendergast is Geoffrey's aunt. After all, then, that boy will belong to me in some wort of a way before—as you say—the year is out!"

Nell's relationship to the child has all at once reconciled her to the marriage.

Surely it is children who sway the Bella, with one withering glance at Mrs. Cutforth-Boss, rises to her feet. The game is up.
"Ah! one can see now," says she, in her softest, most deliberate tones, and

with her little hesitation very distinct. the other to the very heart's core, "what a grief it has been to you to have no children of your own!" waits to see the effect of this shot, but Maria can always be depended on, She regards Mrs. Chance for a moment with a searching eye, and then said: "Those who live in glass houses should not throw— What,

going already?" But Bella vouchsafes no reply; marching out of the room she closes day sees her far from Bigley-on-Sea, and I don't know that anyone there has up to this regretted her.

CHAPTER LXIV.

Wortley here in the garden with Nell is feeling sad and depressed. The true lover is ever slow to believe in himself or his own chances, and the advent of Grant, younger than he is by some years, and handsome, and earnest—so very evidently in earnest-has damped illness. Nell has seemed so altogether his own that he can scarcely bear now to see another come in to divide his honors with him. It was nothing to him that the girl had refused cake

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Fitzgerald, Seandrett & Co., heart to remember, he might have con-soled himself with the recollection that Nell is as fond of a cake as a child of

To buy tea in packages of a Rut Grant had come, looking so name known reliable brand than to some, so brilliant, and the girl had received him with such cordiality as ceived him with such continuation of a love begun in happier days.

Besides being modest the true lover is always a little stupid. And Wortey's stupidity goes so far, that even now when Grant has gone—escorted to gate by Cecilia and Gaveston, who te understand his state of mind and are truly sorry for him-he cannot see that Nell is in a way relieved and glad of his departure. The fact that this relief takes the form of silence, perhaps adds to his mystification. For a long time he does not speak,

and then at last, seeing that neither Cecilia nor Gayeston mean returning, and that the night air is drawing near ith a chill within its train, he so far ouses himself as to say gruffly:
"It is growing too late for you to be it here. You must go in."
"Yes, I think so," says Nell. She gets up from her cushions, always so carefully arranged for her upon her garden

hair, and with the help of her stick kes a step forward, then she catches old of the arm of the chair, laughing ftly, if a little nervously. "My feet don't seem quite my own t," says she, "I have sat here too long, perhaps. And this stick is no good; you must give me your arm, I'm City excursion to the Holy Land," continued Mr. Bliss, "and his impressions in the afraid

'You have sat out here far too long,'

growls he. "I don't know how they let you do it. As for that stick—" He puts it aside in a masterful way, and taking her up in his arms, carries -and to walk down of Cutforth Hall her—as he has so often done before in her found in the library arranging the hopeless days—through the open window into the drawing-room.

Here he lets her go, slowly, until her aged her husband's books when he re-fused to be managed, as it took him All at once, as she feels his arms loosen, they tighten round her again, and she knows that he is straining her passionately to his breast.

"How can I let you go?" says he.
His tone sounds suffocated. "But I'll have to; I know it. I knew it this evening when he came again. There,

don't mind me. He releases her, and would have pressed her tenderly into a lounging chair near, but she, closing her slender fingers on the sleeve of his coat, prevents him. Leaning back from him, she looks up into his face, and he looks sold well, and down at her, with his strong, kind, some royalty."

"Don't let me go!" says she.
She almost pushes him from her
when the dreadful words are said, and I think she would have fallen but that he catches her and holds her. "Nell!"

His voice is trembling, his heart beating with an almost cruel haste. He is bending over her, pressing his cheek thing vindictive in it. "You who profess to be a leader of men—to manage his breast.

"Nellie!" says he again. But she is "Nellie!" says he again. "Nellie!" says he again. But she is debts in addition, and all through no crying nervously now, and it is quite fault of his own. Then came the manminute before she can be got to ly resolve to bear up under it all and And then her abasement

knows no depths. "Oh, yes, I know. No wonder you are shocked! as you are—as you must be! It—it was a proposal! Oh! I don't know how I did it!"

she grows comforted, and a little gleam of her old self steals forth.

"It was a proposal, for all you may say," says she. But the pretty, saucy smile breaks out here, and there is a twinkle in the dewy eyes that argues considerable life for him in the coming days, "I hope you are not going torefuse me!"

\* \* \* \* \* An hour later they are still full of is wonderful

one could look after you as I could. We'll speak to Cecilia." he regards her as a sister. "Even if you did, I'd be your nurse.

At this they both laugh.
"A nice nurse you'd be," says Nell. Then all at once her mood changes, and she looks at him with anxious eyes. "Do you remember now how you use to scold me—to find fault with me?-I'm just the same now, you know, as I was then."

"That is what I like to think," says "Is it?" She pauses, as if meditating upon this. "You," after a bit, "thought me troublesome!"
"I like that thought too. The more upon this. troublesome you are, the more I shall have to do for you." But she never gets to the end of that

be generous over my faults, because t was pure despair of ever gaining ou mention. He laughs-but she does not-and af-

"You do love me, then? You do?" There is so much honest doubt in her

"My darling-" "No, no, no," pushing him away.
"As you," vehemently, "never have loved, and never could love anyone again? "I thought it was plain, my sweetfrom Grant, and had accepted bread heart," says he, reproachfully. "But there is this, Nell, that all the world and everything in it, is of no accoun

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New York, Oct. 11.-"I am now read-

ng the proof sheets of Mark Twain's orthcoming book, 'Following the Equator,' and I must say that his writing is as vigorous and his wit as sprightly as ever," are the words of Frank Bliss, who 28 years ago assisted his father, the late Elisha Bliss, in bringing the bringing the first book of the literary nedian before the American pub This statement of Mr. Bliss will be highly significant to those who are acquainted with the inner details of Mark Twain's life during recent years Adversity seems not to have stayed his hand nor to have dimmed his wit.

"Mr. Clemens went on the Quaker
City excursion to the Holy Land," contrip. My father was attracted by them, and when the young man returned to America invited him to visit us in Hartford, Conn., with a view to putting the matter in book form. My Cle-Hartford, Conn., with a view to putting the matter in book form. Mr. Clemens came to our house, and I well remember him, already in his looks foremember him, already him his looks foremember him, already him his looks foremember him, satisfied with his contract. 'Innocents Abroad' was finally a great success, but it required hard pushing at first to make it sell. The new style of humor shocked many people, who were not used to having their popular European idols laughed at, and besides, the public was not ready-made to the author's hand and had to be educated up to the standard and style he had

placed before it. But finally it sold; sold well, and is still paying a hand-WHY HE IS FORCED TO WRITE. His humor, when it eventually caught the breeze of public approval, was a paying institution, and has been ever since. Book after book appeared, each one proving as remunerative as its predecessors, till Mr. Clemens was inuced to enter the book publishing

business on his own account. Everyone knows of the collapse that followed, the disappointed hopes, the failure, which not only swept away his fortune, but left a heavy load of meet every obligation before he would take to himself the fruits of any subsequent toil. There are not many men who, staggering under ill-health, family bereavement and financial reverses, on't know how I did it!"

There are several intervals that need months, would be able to rise above never be recorded, as all true lovers fill them, shoulder the foad with cheer-them in for themselves, and presently fulness, and while suppressing the

made happy in years gone by. "This new book," continued Mr. Bliss,
"is the result of Mr. Clemens' travels

around the world. When he was about Prendergast within the year. She looks eagerly at Maria. Surely this is strong enough! Now she will come is the genus of lovers at looks the genus of lovers are strong enough! Now she will come is the genus of lovers are strong enough. Truly, the genus of lovers that he note down the events of the stance the following: trip. Going into new countries and "I shall take you abroad myself. No seeing new people with their strange manners and customs would furnish him with new material and fresh ideas, He had never called Mrs. Gaveston Which I felt sure would reawaken the Cecilia until this moment, but already great powers that lay within him. He regards her as a sister.

The dead new scenes to feed upon. His fine abilities never have shown to death to come and release them from

BETTER THAN "INNOCENTS ABROAD," "So, with absolutely new material, he is entirely fresh, but a little strong-er in manner, more refined in humor and keener in descriptive power. Things are pictured plainly before you in the old 'Innocents Abroad' style. His conversational way adds much to the humor of the narrative. His book in this respect is a reflection of his natural self. His peculiar drawl is well "There was one day when you known, and you can almost hear it running through the pages as he tells his stories. Some of them are sure to run the gamut of the clubs and become

all my crimes brought up against me like this. It's beastly unfair—that's what I call it—and after all, you ought stance the once concerning his nineteen habits:
"I can quit any of my nineteen injurious habits at any time, and without discomfort or inconvenience. I think that the Dr. Tanners and those others who go forty days without eating do it by resolutely keeping out of the ter a moment she leans towards him sire to eat, in the beginning; and that and pulls him to her with both hands. after a few hours the desire is discouraged and comes no more.

'Once I tried my scheme in a large medical way. I had been confined to these poor sufferers are innocent. The voice that it shocks him. Can't she my bed several days with lumbago. My case persistently refused to improve. Finally the doctor said to me: 'My remedies have no fair chance. onsider what they have to fight besides the lumbago. You smoke extravagantly, don't you?'

"'You take coffee immoderately?"

"'Yes.'
"'And some tea?'
"'Yes.' "'You eat all kinds of things that are dissatisfied with each other's com-

"'You drink two hot-scotches regu-

yous troubles cease, and work which make progress the way the matter seemed wearing and laborious becomes stands. You must make a reduction seemed wearing and laborious becomes stands. You must make a reduction easy and is cheerfully performed. It has done this for others—it will for you.

ably for some days."
"'I can't, doctor." "'Why can't you?" "'I lack the will power. I can cut them off entirely, but I can't merely moderate them.'

MARK TWAIN WAS CURED. "He said that would answer, and said he would come around in 24 hours ill himself and could not come; but I who was crossing the equator for the did not need him. I cut off all those first time, and then cleanse these unwas discouraged and left me. I was a well man; so I gave fervid thanks, and immediately took to those delica-

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so nearly south that we cross only hope, and she said she would do everyof his experiences were detailed in his letters, published in the New York Tribune from time to time during that

after years. His talk and his manner there were none in stock. She had the negotiations were carried through sinking vesse' with no freight to die. We shall be a day behind all were fully as quaint as his letters. The negotiations were carried through very quickly and he went away well satisfied with his contract. 'Innocents Abroad' was finally a great success, but it required hard mishing at first but she was just a moral required hard mishing at first but she was just a moral required by the distribution. The negotiations were carried through to fall back on. She was a to die. We shall be a day bemind an through eternity. We shall always be saying to the other angels: "Fine day today." And they will be always retorning: "But it isn't today; it's tobut she was just a moral pauper.
When she could have acquired them she was dissuaded by her parents, who er know what true happiness is." were ignorant people, though reared in the best society, and it was too late DROPPING A DAY. to begin now. It seemed such a pity, but there was no help for it. These

things ought to be attended to while a person is young; otherwise when age and disease come there is nothing effectual to fight them with."

"The story of the ornithorynchus is also good. He says it was perhaps the only animal that did not go into the ark at the time of the flood, but that fact did not go me to the says it was perhaps the ark at the time of the flood, but that the time of the flood, but that the time of the ship, where my fact did not seem to bother it very much, for he says there were plenty of logs floating around on which to take rest when not swimming. As to food, it had plenty. When it wanted fish it caught them, and when it wanted eggs it laid them. "India was quite a new field for Mr.

Clemens. Some of the observations are really very funny. Speaking of Indian "'After awhile we stopped at a little wooden coop of a station just within the curtain of the somber jungle, a place with a deep and dense forest of great trees and scrub and vines al about it. The royal Bengal tiger is in great force there, and is very bold and unconventional. From this lonely little station a message once went to the railway manager in Calcutta: "Tiger

eating station master on front porch; telegraph instructions.' tiger hunt. I killed thirteen. We were presently away again, and the train began to climb the mountains. In one place seven wild elephants crossed the track, but two of them got away be- the white folks' little town and around fore I could overtake them.'

pathetic as others are humorous. In-STORY OF FATHER DAMIEN. " 'We all know about Father Damien, island of Molokai to labor among its population of sorrowful exiles who wait greater advantage than in this book, their troubles; and we know that the which, although mentioned under a variety of titles, in reality has only the simple one of "Following the Equator," happen did happen; that he became a leper himself, and died of that horrible change of season like this could hardof self-sacrifice, it appears. I asked after "Billy" Ragsdale, interpreter to the parliament in my time—a half-white. He was a brilliant young fellow, and very popular. As an interpreter he would have been hard to match any where. He used to stand up in parlia ment and turn the English speeches into Hawaiian and the Hawaiian speeches into English with a readiness asked after him, and was told that his prosperous career was cut short in a caste girl. He discovered by some nearly invisible sign about his skin that acealed for years; but he would not facts. 'And one great pity of it is that

curse of deprosy.'

Clemens says that they fared fairly and attention which so serious a thing well. They had a great many things deserved. that were provided by Deity and cooked by the devil.' He also tells of an nisitive lady on shipboard who insisted on asking the sailors all kinds that the sailor told her that it was bethe equator, but that when they should the foreyard was he said it was the front yard. That man has a good deal of learning stored up, and that woman is liable to get it all."

A BIT FROM HIS DIARY.

"Here is a bit from his diary which may prove interesting: 'Sept. 7.—Crossed the equator. In the distance it looked like a blue ribbon stretched across the ocean. Several passengers kodaked We had no fool cerem fantastics, no horse-play. All that sort of thing has gone out. In old times a sailor, dressed as Neptune, used to come in over the bows with his suite and begin work again. He was taken and lather up and shave everybody

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morrow we shall be close to the cen-ter of the globe—the 180th degree of

morrow." We shall be in a state of confusion all the time and shall nev-

"'Next Day.-Sure enough, it has happened. Yesterday it was Sept. 8, day in the stern of the ship, where my family were, and Tuesday in the bow, where I was. They were there eating the half of a fresh apple on the 8th, and I was at the same time eating the other half of it on the 10th—and I could notice how stale it was already. The family were the same age that they were when I had left them five min utes before, but I was a day older now

"When Mark Twain was at Fiji Islands, he says that 'everybody went ashore to look around, and spy out the land, and have that luxury of luxuries to sea voyagers—a land dinner. And there we saw more natives—wrinkled old women, plump and smily young girls, a pleasure to look at; majestic young men clothed in a loose arrange ment of dazzling white with bronze breasts and naked legs, and the head of a cannon swab of soiled hair comb elegraph instructions."
"It was there that I had my first Only 60 years ago they were sunk i

IN THE FIJI ISLANDS. "We strolled about the streets ore I could overtake them.'
"Some of his stories, however, are as ong European dwellings, and by and by we stopped to ask an elderly English colonist a question or two and to sympathize with him concerning the torrid weather, but he was surprised

This? This is not hot. You ought to be here in the summer time once."
""We supposed that this was summer. But if it isn't summer, what does it lack? "'It lacks half a year. This is mid-

another cold, It is odd these sudder jumps from season to season. A fort-night ago we left America in midsummer: now it is midwinter. About a week hence we shall arrive in Australia in the spring.'
"'It is a fine race, the Fijians, with brains in their heads, and an inquir-'It appears that their savage an That is to say, their dead

ing turn of mind. estors had a doctrine of immortality in their scheme of religion-with limit sudden and unexpected way, just as he was about to marry a beautiful halfations. otherwise. They drew the line—they thought that the missionary's doctring the poison of leprosy was in him. The secret was his own, and might be kept thought that the was too sweeping, too comprehensive They called his attention to certain concealed for years; but he would not be treacherous to the girl that loved friends had been devoured by sharks; him; he would not marry her to a doom like his. And so he put his affairs in order, and went around to all his friends and bade them good-bye, and sailed in the leper ship to Molokai.

The triends had been devoured by sharks; if the sharks, in their turn, were caught and eaten by other men; later these men were captured in war and eaten by the enemy. The original persons had entered into the composition of the had entered into the composition of the There he died the loathsome and lin-gering death that all lepers die. become part of the flesh and blood and bone of the cannibals. How, then these poor sufferers are innocent. The could the particles of the original meleprosy does not come of sins which be searched out from the final con they committed, but of sins committed glomerate and put together again? The by their ancestors, who escaped the inquirers were full of doubts, and cor "When he was on shipboard Mr. examined the matter with the gravity

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"'The missionary taught these exof questions regarding the vessel. Once she wanted to know why the vessel la-Fored so hard on its way. Mark said and poetical idea. Those wild and ignorant poor children of nature beli ause they were going uphill towards that the flowers, after they perish, ris on the winds and float away to the fair once get over and start downhill they will fields of heaven, and flourish there forwould fly. When she asked him what

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