CONTINUES !

A county he regarded the tightened links t they we Charlie," he cried, "they are prime order to the control of the control

the last rearly dood with many tine water, which had found its way down.

Lady Verrefast- Mary, darling," he al most shouted, "we are saved-miraculously bayed," but they could give him no answer. at I. ha bad been knocked down insensible from the swing lamp, which had not been these adventures. ly just recovering from the blow, staring wildly about, and old Mr. Thornhill was meaning over his darling daughter.

be said in a couple of hours it was comparativeit with fur too rough for any bout to go on shore, or one to come to them.

Lut at two o'clock in the afternoon a boat pushed off from shore, manned by those had, the instance, who fear but little; it appropriate the appropriate of the second board to mear there was nedanger of their anchors Harting, and that they were in good holding

All the things had been packed, for they be I be runned the instant they could, to and at five o'clock they were

the largest boat was got ready, but they be a read difficulty in getting into her; but they did, and were pulled to shor . we always the a short distance. No soonor folding bent touch ground than a couple f. . up 1 wh and dry, and then another el a rent the nir.

ther were two ladies amongst the crowd 11 . Lung Lard Verri, fast, as Lo to the ty hims. If giving some direct , eard

I' that I ought not to ask it, Lord V. refact - "she had got thus far when had married Bruton.

My (i d! I beg pardon, Emily-Mrs. I' to I mean," gasped his Lordship in the util I confusion; "how on earth-you

· Simply, my Lord, because I live close . I know how y u are situated, but there is only our house and the clergy-M. Camment will, I am sure, receive you and I ally Verrefust, and I will take in the 1 and det. Mir. Gammone is here to ask

The poor Lord was in a terrible dilemma, his former mixtress on the one hand, and the man he had forced to return to his wife on the chart his Lordship did not take long to consider, so he did what was best to the creamstances—told his wife who is the creamstance

force it was no news to her, so, going up to , t'miked them sincerely, and it was arraised Lard and Lady Verriefast and i .. w reto b t the chergyman's, and Mr. The rubill, Mary, and Charlie to the

Will, my Lord," said the clergyman, the body of first did to keep and the world by recovered till his wife till. ha... "I me dad, heartily glad you let by , and I have to thank you for it."

Not a word on your part, Gammone. I ha banyi way the me was of making you return to your bord, by a you kee a 1 was no san t n., I tut her Ladyship has overlooked all poor tenow. I was quite shocked to see him.

Not a quarter of a mile, and as I see hady Verrie fast and Mass Thornhill are the reaghly denoup with fright and excite mer, t, at will be better to get them away at

The thougs were now all landed, and old Mr. Thernhill and Sir John, with the ladies, took then departure for the homes pro tem Winst Lord Verriefast and Charlie remained le, will heaft r the affairs of the yacht

West's one test't be done, Captain, do you think? In asked as he stood on the deck of the V sol again, with Charlie by his

Side. . . . Land, the wind has drepped and t in gone up, but I think it would be dong to to to and warp her through that; so is a sign on the other hand if the sound again, we might be hank at preces here. I prefer sea-room."
Have to hat, Captain," said an old Cornell, atmost "Tre knowed the place for

WON IN A CANTER. In Vine right, found the wind had shifted, and the white sals of the Firefly just visible in the horizon; the vessel was hull down and carrying a splendid breeze towards Ply-

Both Lady Verriefast and Mary were too unwell to move next day, and were pressed to the which they did. As the two houses the transferr did not draw, and treets which they did. As the two houses 1 11 V renefact was much moved "Tell and booked ever Bruton's farm, which was in

The following morning they were all driven the many a death allowance of greg, and tell to the marest station and on their way to the first them twenty pounds each Plymouth, carrying with them the good wishes of a speedy journey home from their in appearance did the saloon present; hospitable intertainers, who always after re-tion to the floor, and drenched to the skin from from from Mr. Thornhill and Lord Verrie-

fust.
"We must get on to Ryde," said his Lordship, "and see if we can beat the yacht. I ordered her to go there. A few days in the Isk of Wight will do us no harm after all

It was a beautiful evening as all walked down the pier at Ryde, where they had got without any further adventures; the place was crowded, and the narrow escape of the the saloon put ship-shape. The gale, too, Lord Verriefast was well known, and he

> Mary had recovered from her fatigue and was looking lovely, and so the gentlemen thought as they turned to look at her, wondering who she could be, and the handsome young man beside her, but they met lots of friends who knew them, so it soon oozed out who they were.

" By Gad! why here's a surprise, why who the dooce would have thought of meeting you here, Verriefast?"

It was Coloney Downey who had come ov i with his letter half for a week's airing. " Good gracious, mamma, I am so sur-

prised," echoed her Ladyship.

Mrs. Downey was evidently glad to see her daughter, she had heard nothing of their adventures, and the three ladies were soon scated, going over their several histories. Sir through mine dragged her by sheer John, Mr Thornfull, and Charle strolled on, but the Colenel managed to get Lord Verrie-

fast to himself.
"You look une mmonly well, Verriefast I must say. Marriage agrees with you. For my part," the poor Colonel sighed, "I'm nearly dead, I am, by Gad! Mrs. Downey would leave Cheltenham. I know such a lot of old chums there, you can't imagine. I he turned, and his face flushed scarlet as he never tasted such curry and port in all my Jack we used to call him. Well, she found fault with my dining out so often, and tried to knock the smoking on the head, and would go down to Brighton to see her old friend-fancy going to that d-d hole in the middle of summer; well what the dust did not do for me the heat did—it was worse than being in the tropics-I nearly got a sunstroke, I nut in ar here that you could go into; but | did, by Gad I then she came on here, and has nearly walked me off my legs twice a day on this internal pier, by Gad, it's enough to kill a fellow, I cannot have a weed in quiet,

but mind you don't say you have spoken to me on the subject. I'll give her a good fright."

On Johang the young ladies again he managed to get Mrs. Downey apart, and giving lar las arm, which the lady was immensely tlattered at, said: "Well, Mrs. Downey, how do you think your daughter is looking?

"Charmingly, Lord Verriefast, I never an im wear girl in better spirits.

"I wish a could say the same for the poor Colonel, Mrs. Flowney, I never saw a man more attered in my life, he tooks haggard and worn; you won't have hen long if he does not alter. He wants quiet and well iocking after, his game of bilitards to amuse hun, his cigars, and so on, he does indeed,

"lou quite frighten me, Lord Verriefast. aux pas, how far is your house from I thought he was so well—it must be as you say. I had no idea but he was in excellent health."

"Have you effected any good, Verriefast?" asked the Colonel, as he got near the nobleman agam.

"All right. Downey, I've done it for you mind you are deuced unwell; cannot walk much, and smoking relieves your chest."

The max morning, as they went on the pier, they found the "Firefly" had arrived all safe, and in going on board, everything was as straight and in good order as if nothing had happened to her; and a sail round to Ventuor the next day was decided on, to remain there the night, and then on to towes, where the yacht was to be laid up

The ladies had get over all their nervousness and narrow escape. The Colonel and his wif were of course, to be of the party.

They arrived at the beautiful spot early, and went on shore to enjoy themsolves.

horses are sold except those he uses in the her, and it was as much as she could do to beat, and had, moreover, three days' start of carriage. I do hope everything is forgotten.

" Say no mere, Alice, not *nother word, you must both come and lunch with us on board the "Firefly," and a morry party they

subdued, he was quiet and gentlemanly in be back till till nine or half-past in the evenhis demeanor, quite a contrast to the Duffer ing. She gotterribly nervous when the time ot former days. All his bragging had left approached; her father was sleeping quietly him. His gentle, attentive little wife was in his arm-chair by the open window, for it unremitting in her attentions on him, and was a lovely evening in the middle of August. the boat that evening to convey him on

shore.
"Good-bye, Duffer," exclaimed his Lordship, shaking hands with him, "you will half a mile from the house. constantly hear from us."

"I'll give you all the news of the place, Duffer," said Charlio, "you'll pull through, The stranger was waiting for her, leaning old fellow, as I did, and take care of that against one of the trees. good little wife of yours," and so they left "Ah, my pet," he exclaimed, as she came

They arrived at Cowes next day, and then winged their flight to Yorkshire.

home was a letter from his friend, the Captain at Gibraltar. " The Count is all right he wrote, " but he has lost his arm, which to be seen. will prevent him doing anything more in the more retired spot.

fighting line. You will see me soon after Long and carnestly they talked, the you receive this, and remember, old boy, I am to be your best man."

CHAPTER XXXVI.

MISSING AND FOUND.

It was with no small degree of satisfacton all found themselves at home again. Mary was soon to take place, and preparations for lady's shoulder.
that important event had to be made. Then Charlie started as he caught sight of the that important event had to be made. Inen there were visits to be returned, and old figures.

"It is deuced like Mary," he exclaimed to "It is deuced like Mary," he exclaimed to Captain Slyfox and old Mr. Conyers were Major Bouncer Brag put in an appearance.

too much for my nerves. I have sold all pressed his horse into a trot, "who could my guns. I shall go in for hunting and have thought it?"

So engaged were they talking, that they

Old Nurse Grimes was overjoy to see "her boy," as she called him, and could hardly be kept out of his room.

Altogether the place held a regular jubilee. Dinners were given and returned and future ones planned.

Charlie and Mary were very quietthrough it all, they lived for each other. The young man remembered how tenderly and carefully she had nursed him through his dangerous lliness, and of her thoughtful attention of lum on all occasions; and his love for her Look at what you have done," she said, almost amounted to a madness.

Look at what you have done," she said, as she turned ficroely on hes companion. lum on all occasions; and his love for her

his dogs, took them out for exercise in their from him in terror.

visits to the cottages about.

Arriving at the Hall, she inquired for

Old Mr. Thornhill, too, was quite a differ- Charlie, and the butler gave her a note, sayent man. He was occupied in his house, ing, Mr. Charles had left it for her, and had the rooms that his daughter and future son- gone up to his room for a few minutes, and in-law were to occupy must be newly renovated. Carpenters, upholsterers, and paper hangers were at work. A conservatory must note, read it, and then fell fainting to the be made from Mary's boudoir, so Linden floor. Hall was in a state of the utmost confusion. Then Charlie would drive Mary over to the ran thus: Slyfoxes', or Lady Lavender's, or the Verriefasts', to be engaged on some knotty point connected with the trousseau. And whilst she was so occupied, Thornhill would wander about with the gentlemen, smoking his eigar, or engaged in a game of billiards or pool; they were fine players, and had many a battle together.

The time flew by rapidly, and it only wanted a fortnight to the marriage.

Mary was one evening walkin in the park to remain in ignorance. alone about half-past six in deep meditation, Charlie was away dinning at Sir John's. Her thoughts were on him, and she was wishing the time to arrive for his coming and the carriage, ordered out instantly to

Happening to look up, she saw a gentleman at a distance approaching her.

"I wonder," thought the girl, "who that can be; it is not tall enough for Charlie, or any one I know." But as the stranger came nearer with rapid steps, she became deadly pale, and clutched at a tree for support.

"Mark my derling" availabled the

"Mary, my darling," exclaimed the in time to take his seat for town-stranger, rushing forward to catch her, for she was nearly fainting. "Look up, it is in I have wandered half over the world for, and it was given out Mr. Charles Thornto find you, and here you are under a chang-

od name, and in a strange land."

"Oh, Henry, Henry!" murmired she, "how is it you are here in England, and at such a time? I am about to be married. Have you come to crush all?"

"Have you come to crush all?"

"I have you come to crush all?"

"The such a time? I am about to be married. The such a time? I am about to be married. The such a time? I am about to be married. The such a time? I am about to be married. The such a time? I am about to Charles bankers, but he had been there before him, drawn five hundred pounds, and

conceal her agitation from the keen eye of her father.

The whole of the next day she was on thorns, dreading to meet either her father or Charlie, and she was infinitely relieved when the latter told her that he was going to ride Poor Duffer was wonderfully altered and over to Sir John's on business, and would not garden-hat, which was lying on the halltable, and strolled out in the park towards the place of rendezvous, which was about

As she got out of sight she quickened her pace, and soon arrived at her destination.

"You are punctual to a second."

up. "You are punctum to a second."
"If you know the misery, Henry, you inged their flight to Yorkshire. have caused me by coming here, I am sure The first thing Charlie found on arriving you would never have done so. I am in terror that you should be discovered. We must move away from this, or we shall be certain to be seen." And they walked away into a

> strauger with his arm thrown careleasly over the girl's shoulder as they lounged along.

Now, it unfortunately happened that Charlie, having finished what he had to do much earlier than he thought, and Sir John having gone out to dine, called for his horse and took his departure; the evening being lovely he extended his ride, not coming home by the usual way, and entered the park by quite a different direction.

He was walking his horse on the velvety turf, when he saw a couple of figures a short was especially rejoiced; her flowers, ner distance in front of him; they were lounging birds, her favorite "Sultan" had all to be quietly along, with their backs turned to him, visited. Then her marriage with Charlie the gentleman with his arm thrown over the

himself; "but it cannot be, some couple Major Bouncer Brag put in an appearance, though. But as he drew nearer he became "I never saw you looking better, Thorn-looking better, Thorn-looki

> So engaged were they talking, that they heard him not till he was close upon them, when they turned and saw him.

> Charlie never stopped, and merely lifted his hat, but gave her a look that she never forgot to her dying day, one so sorrowful, sad, and full of reproach, that goaded her almost to madness.

"Charlie,-Charlie!" she screamed, "come back—speak to me !"

But he heard her not as he cantered

and, Verriefast," here he dropped his voice They rode and walked together, and were "You have almost broken our hearts alinto a whisper, "she has a temper that would rarely separated, and she in turn was just as ready, now you have quite done so. Go; I fond of him. They visited his horses and will not stay another instant." And she fled

then ridden off again in great haste.

Mary, with trembling hands, opened the

The contents of the paper were short. It

MARY. "You will not be surprised that after what have seen; that I have left the place for ever. " C. T."

The whole of the house was in the utmost consternation. Mr. Thornhill was called, and was bending over his insensible daughter. He could make nothing out of the note, and till his daughter came to, he was obliged

Directly the poor girl came to her reason n a fow minutes after the bell was rung fetch Sir John Forest.

In less than a couple of hours he arrived but only remained a short sime, and was then driven rapidly tway to the station. There he found: Charlie lind gone on to London. He could not follow for three

hours, so he went away to his own house to make a few preparations, and returned again in time to take his seat for town.

Mr. Thornhill next day called on Lords Lavender and Verrielast, and Captain Slyhill had been called away on urgent business,

them, and arrived six days before that of the Liverpool one.

In New York their first real difficulting commenced, but with the assistance of the police they discovered that it was Charlie who had taken his passage from Southamp. They called on the firm has letters of credit were on, but he had not yet been heard of: they searched all the hotels-no easy task, but could get no news. A month passed, and Sir John was nearly in despair; the English agent he had brought out with covered him up carefully as he was placed in Stealing gently from the room, she took her him worked hard, but get no information. At last, one morning as the Baronet was at broakfast, he presented himself.

" I'm on the track at last, Sir John."

" No, are you !" exclaimed the Baronet,

jumping up.
"No doubt of it, sir; we have a long journey before us.

" Hang it, man, out with it at once : we follow if it is to the world's end."

" He has gone to Mexico, Sir John. This is how I came on it; I found out that a gentleman had bought a saddle-bride and some other horse matters at a large saddler's here, so I went at once. They were packed, and addressed to Mr. Charles Thornbill, at a gunmaker's; I was soon there, as you may suppose. At that place he had bought a double-barrelled gun, a couple of six-chamber revolvers and some ammunition, stating he was going on a hunting expedition to Mexico, and afterwards to the Brazils. I have followed him now to every place he has been to, for everything was addressed to this gun-maker's—boots, clothes, even tobacco and a couple of wooden pipes; we are on the

right track now, Sir John."

"Bravo, bravo, Scott!" shout d Sir John;

"go and get what things you may deem necessary, and I will do the same. Which route has he gone by, though; have you thought of that?" thought of that?"

"Yes, Sir John, that too I have discovered; he has gone by St. Louis.

A short telegram was soon despatched to Mr. Thornhill, for Sir John spared no expense, when he once took a thing in hand he carried it through.

Old Mr. Thornhill was walking with his daughter in the park, when the yellow envelope was put into his hand.

"This is news, he said, as he hastily opened the envelope, with trembling hands. The poor girl was deadly pale, and almost fainting.

The contents were short, but cheering.

"Tracked; gone to Mexico, and from there to Brazils-follow at once."

" Thank God, Mary, for even this news. Come home, my darling, our friends must know of this at once, for they are just as anxious as we are."

The next morning Sir John and his indcfatigable companion had left New York, and were on their way to St. Louis. From there he was known to have proceeded to Santa Fe. Here another lock occurred, which took them some days, and at last he was found to have proceeded to a fro...ier village on the banks of the Rio Bravo J. 1 Norte lower down. Here he had bought a horse, and all trace was lost of him:

But Sir John was not a man to be easily discouraged, so he engaged some native hands.

From place to place was he tracked; sometimes they almost thought he was close at hand, but he had mysteriously disappeared.

This sort of life was nothing new to Sir John; he liked it, and if it had been for the anxiety attached to it, would have positively enjoyed it.

He was well mounted, as was his com-panion, and each carried his double-barrel and pistols.

For weeks did the two, accompanied by their peons, wander about; but at last they got certain intelligence that such an one as Charles was reported to have been at Santiago. Thither they proceeded at once, and he was found to be hunting in the Apacho country. Here they traced him about for some time, and found he had again turned towards the Rio Bravo del Notre. Sir John was nearly done up, and both he and his she was led away by her father inte his room men were obliged to remain for days inactive, to give themselves and their LOTREE

It is no easy work to travel about in free America, and always on a stern chase.

One day, however, the Englishman .ame back with positive intelligence that Charlie had a small hacienda on the banks of the

river.
"We must proceed cantionsly, Sir John,"
he said, "ford have discovered he is of very lonely habits, goes out for days together without returning; he is well known on his bay

horse."
"They were soon off again, for there seemed some chance of coming up with him at last. The hacienda he was supposed to inhabit was only a small one, of one storey high; it

was perched on the crown of a little hill, sur-rounded with the beautiful trees and shrubs tor which Mexico is famous—the acacins, "No, Mary, no, God forbid !" staken letters of credit on New York.

"You would drive paps mad if he knew You were in the country," she said. "For Baronet, as he got into his cab, and drove to a wild, beautiful and romantic spot. yamins, yuccas and cactus, mingled with the corazo, palm and giant aloes; it was, indeed,