A CAST FOR FORTUNE.

the lower shaft (now filled with water) the

When they had struggled back to the man spoke with quiet deliberateners. The mine is all that you have described

way, he said. 'I shall be glad to explain. forward, met Fernandez. for the owners, what can they do but sell? The mine is rich, but they cannot work it: it has gone beyond them. The

To pay expenses, yes,—but not to make much profit when worked by the patio process. There is the explanation, Mr. Derwent. The Bucna Esperanza yielded a fortune in its dooile ores; but the ores are now refractory, and the wealth that it still holds refractory, and the wealth that it still holds repeat in words that he held the man before him powerless in his hand, his manner expressed it as plainly as speech; can be extracted only by a large outlay of money. Capital must take hold of it, and work it on a great scale. The day is past for small things.

gour profit in the matter?

If thought Morell had explained that,' wish to say to me? he asked. 'If it concerns the purchase of the mine, I have a right to know.' our profit from you. If you work the mine, we want a share in it; if you sell it (which I share of your profit, as a return for having put into your hands a very good thing.'

'I was under the impression,' said Derwent, 'that it is usually the seller, and not the lungs who was the leave the lungs who was th the buyer, who pays the intermediate agent

asked you forty thousand dollars for the hardness,' he added, grimly. mine, instead of twenty thousand, and we should have made ten thousand spiece, could not say, what he distinctly thought,

is not worth as much as that.'

ten times what is asked for it. When sure that the taint of fraud would be upon Morell'received your letter, he said to me,
Here is a man who wents a mine for speculative purposes, to take into the great
markets of the world and sell for a big
price. In order to succeed in this, he
must have a good mine. We will sell him
he was nevertheless certain that Barrera
was an honest man and Fernandez a scoundrel. After a short pause, he spoke with a
decision of manner that could not be misthe Buens Esperanza at its bottom price. taken : and then we will make our profit by sharing in his. When we have put such a property in his hands, he cannot refuse it.' I am so far as I am concerned. I shall not buy

have ridden away. But it required only a mine! moment's reflection to show that such a Gregret your trouble; but it was taken, course would be particularly ill advice at I believe, in the line of business,' answered he did know, and that he had never seen a owners.' mine that seemed to him so well worth possessing as the Buena Esperanza. He had will warrant that. said to himself, as he examined its lodes, that if all went well with him he ought to be able to make enough out of this alone to wishes. That I will not do unless I know be able to make enough out of this alone to accomplish the end he had in view. And now, after he had, as it were, seen with his own eyes the treasure that was to redeem fortune and honor for him, it was snatched and I will not touch it.' away, and he had to choose between resigning it altogether—for to pay the additional fool away if I had imagined that his mere It was a hard decision; and the manner in sneed

tethered animals farther down the stream, cumstances, at any price.' and Senor Aranda near at hand smoking cigarettes, he asked himself what he should do, with a desire for counsel and direction such as he had never known before. And

shoulders with the air of a man who foresees a difficulty. 'It is Berrera,' he said in Spanish. 'I told you that he had threaten-

'And what does he expect to gain by coming? asked Fernandez, with an expression of lip and eye that did not promise a very amicable reception for that hurrying rider He knows that he can do nothing. I have him here,' And he closed his hand with a

quick, significant gesture. That may be,' said the other, cautiously. But Barrera is a man who stops at nothing It will be well to conciliate him if possible. When he is angry, he is-dangerous. 'And so am I dangerous-when I am provoked, returned Fernandez. 'If Senor SCOTCH FARMERS SUCCESS Barrera comes here to give trouble, instead of conciliating I shall defy him. Then let

him do his worst. He knows that he can do The meaning of these quick sentences did not escape Derwent, though he understood little of the language in which they were spoken. Human tones are much the same in all languages, however, and there could be no more doubt of the anger of one man than of the apprehension of the other.

What is the matter ?' he asked, turning to Fernandez. 'Who is coming?' "We do not know,' that gentleman replied But Aranda thinks it may the other owner of the mine,-the man I told you of, who is tisfied with the bargain. If it should prove to be so, do not trouble yourself about the matter. I can manage him, and he has no power to do anything.

There was a minute's further suspens and then, emerging from the green foliage at

the head of the canada, came a powerful black horse, ridden by a middle-aged Mexi

can, who, in his picturesque buck-skin dress, and his broad sombrero overshadow vein was eighteen feet wide and very rich in ing a strongly-marked face, with the dark, flashing eye of an eagle, was by far the When they had struggled back to the light of day, along the apparently interminable tunnel, and sat down in the sweet outer held. Handsomer men he had seen, but none who impressed him more by an indiair by the side of the stream, the young viduality derived from a long line of warilke and untamed ancestors. 'I wonder how The mine is all that you have described it. Senor Fernandez, he said, 'and apparently well worth the price asked. But, to speak frankly, I do not see how the owners can afford to sell at this price, nor where your profits in the transaction are to come from.'

Fernandez looked at him with a smile. 'I do not wonder that it strikes you in this way,' he taid. 'I shall be glad to explain.

V. hether he came in peace or war was a question that no one would have found need work it: it has gone beyond them. The water is very strong, and before the shaft can be carried deeper, a pump must be put in. They have no money for such an ex-There is ore enough in sight to pay that and observant, that the character of each and all other expenses for a considerable man was more clearly revealled to him by manner because he did not understand the

for small things.'

That is true,' said Derwent. This is a mine which will yield immensely, but it must, as you say, be worked on a great scale. Put the owners saide, then: where is scale. Put the owners saide, then: where is addressed Fernandez. 'What does this man addressed Fernandez. 'What does this man addressed Fernandez.'

'He wishes to tell you,' replied Fernandez, that he has changed his mind about

'Who can say? You may see for your "That might easily have been arranged,' returned the other. 'We need only have now and then he finds a rock. And now and then he finds a rock of particular

Derwent did not reply at once. He You cannot say that the Buena Esperanza You are deceiving me. This man is no The Buena Esperanza may be worth it, but I should not have given it, Derwent replied.

You might, if you had never heard of the lower price, said Fernandz, calmly. 'I am not flattering you, Mr. Derwent, when I say that you know how to judge a mine. And you are aware that this mine is worth ten times what is asked for it. When fool, and there is more in the matter than

sure Morell was right, Mr. Derwent. You the Buena Esperanza until I am assured that annot refuse to enter into such an ar- there is harmony among the sellers. I wish "And if I do refuse,' said Derwent,—'for I to take no man's property against his will.

Further, I object to having the price of the object very much to having partners in my mine doubled upon me, as you have doubled business,—what then? Then we must ask you to pay forty fore say nothing more at present of pur-

Fernandez turned sharply and looked at There was a silence. Had Derwent fol- him with a light in his eyes that was altolowed his impulse, he would have risen to gether evil. Do you really mean this? his feet, said, curtly, I decline to buy your he demanded. Do you intend, after all my mine on any terms, and, mounting his mule, trouble and expense, to refuse to take the

resent. Whether or not Fernandez meant Derwent. Your expense I will reimburse.

flatter him when he said that he knew But I shall certainly not take the mine now to judge a mine, the fact remained that with the passionate opposition of one of its 'This man has no power to harm you.

*But it seems that I have power to harm

price asked was impossible—or to share appearance would intimidate you so comwish others the profit needed by himself. which it was forced upon him—the time and I am not intimidated in the least, said

place-made him say to himself that his Derwent, calmly. If you think so, you original distrust of Fernandez was well are mistaken. But you do not think so. You know very well why I decline to have As he sat on the green bank, with the shade-arched entrance of the mine behind Let us have no more words. It is suffihim, the foaming water at his feet, and his cient to state explicitly that I will not buy gaze taking in idly the two mozos with the the Buena Esperanza under the present cir [To be Continued.]

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while he still hesitated, uncertain how to deal with the man who he now felt sure would take any advantage of bim, a sound suddenly smote on the ears of all three, which made them look at each other with a glance of surprised interrogation.

CHAPTER V.

It was the sound of a horse's hoofs striking on the rocky road as he came up the gorge, the enclosing walls of which conducted the sound with startling distinctness in advance. There was nothing yet to be seen, but the sounds made it plainly evident that the rider was hurrying his animal at a pace wery unsuited to the character of the way.

Detwent saw the two Mexicans exchange a startled glance. Then Aranda shrugged his shoulders with the air of a man who foresees

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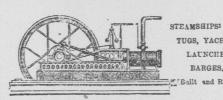
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