BOUND THE MOON.

CHAPTER XVI.—Continued. the corvette almost completely motionile, Engineer Murchison wanted to find its exact position at the bottom of the ocean. The submarine apparatus destined for this expedition was supplied with air. The working of these engines was not without danger, for at 20,000 feet below the surface of the water, and under such great pressure, they were exposed to fracture, the consequences of

which would be dreadful. J. T. Matson, the brothers Blomsberry, and Engineer Murchison, without heeding these dangers, took their places in the air-chamber. The comnder, posted on his bridge, superin- only weighs 19,250lbs.!" tended the operation, ready to stop or haul in the chains on the slightest signal. The screw had been shipped, and the whole power of the machinery collected on the capstan would have quickly drawn the apparatus on board. The descent began at twenty-five minutes past one at night, and the chamber, drawn under by the reservoirs full of water, disappeared from the surface of

The emotion of the officers and sailthe prisoners in the projectile and the of the waves. prisoners in the submarine apparatus. As to the latter, they forgot them-

The descent was rapid. At seventeen of view, but the projectile was nowhere feet above the water.

can not be described, and having an the broken window. electrical communication with the corvette, they made a signal already agreed upon, and for the space of a mile the Susquehanna" moved their chamber along some yards above the bottom.

Thus they explored the whole submarine plain, deceived at every turn by optical illusions which almost broke their hearts. Here a rock, there a pro jection from the ground, seemed to be the much-sought-for projectile; but their mistake was soon discovered, and

then they were in despair. "But where are they? where are

"And on another spot?"

· "Yes." success, but his companions, no longer such was the universal longing. be expected.

of the ocean.

The whole day passed in fruitless re- but to see the heroes of this superhusearch; the bed of the whole sea was man enterprise. result, nor the 26th.

jectile was but an atom in the immensity of the ocean. They must give up all idea of finding it.

the place without at least discovering

On the 29th of December, at nine A. M., the "Susquehanna," heading N.E. resumed her course to the bay of San that, a world uninhabitable, and now

It was ten in the morning ; the corvette was under half steam, as if regrettrophe had taken place, when a sailor. trees, watching the sea, cried suddenly. "A buoy on the lee bow !"

The officers looked in the direction directly take part in it. indicated, and by the help of their glasses, saw that the object signalled State were joined by flying rails; and buoys which are used to mark the pas- same flags, and decorated with the same sages of bays or rivers. But, singular- ornaments, were tables laid and all ly to say, a flag floating on the wind served alike. At certain hours success or six feet out of the water. This buoy clocks which beat the seconds at the shone under the rays of the sun as if it same time, the population were invited Apples. had been made of plates of silver to take their place at the banquet tables. Commander Bloomsberry, J. T. Maston For four days from the 5th to the 9th and the delegates of the Gun Club were of January, the trains were stopped as mounted on the bridge, examining this they are on Sundays on the railways of

in silence. None dare give expression drawing a triumphal carriage, had the to the thoughts which came to the right of traveling for those four days on Sleigh for Sale.

Maston, who had just fallen all in a whistle of the driver, amid the hurrahs Every precaution was taken to keep heap. Forgetting on the one hand that and all the admiring vociferations of his right arm had been replaced by an the American language, the train left iron hook, and on the other that a the platform. It traveled at a speed of simple gutta-percha cap covered his 70 miles in the hour. But what was brain-box, he had given himself a this speed compared with that which formidable blow.

what were his first words?

"What is it?" " Come, speak !"

"It is, simpletons," howled the ter-" Well ?"

that consequently it floats!" account of its specific lightness, the projectile, after being drawn by its fall to ors on board was now divided between now it was floating quietly at the mercy of these three heroes whom fable would

The boats were put to sea. J. T. Maston and his friends had rushed into selves, and, glued to the windows of them! Excitement was at its height! any practical result? Will direct comthe scuttles, attentively watched the Every heart beat loudly whilst they adliquid mass through which they were vanced to the projectile. What did it tablished? Will they ever lay the contain? Living or dead? Living. yes! living, at least unless death had the solar world? Will they go from minutes past two, J. T. Maston and his struck Barbicane and his two friends one planet to another, from Jupiter to ons had reached the bottom of since they had hoisted the flag. Prothe Pacific; but they saw nothing but found silence reigned on the boats. All to another, from the Polar to Sirius? an arid desert, no longer animated by were breathless. Eyes no longer saw. either fauna or flora. By the light of One of the scuttles of the projectile was to visit those suns which swarm in the their lamps, furnished with powerful open. Some pieces of glass remained reflectors, they could see the dark beds in the frame, showing that it had been in the frame, showing that it had been could be reflectors.

To such questions no answer can be compared to the projection with the frame of the settless of the projection with the country of the beds in the frame, showing that it had been country of the beds in the frame of the settless of the projection with the powerful open. of the ocean for a considerable extent broken. This scuttle was actually five given. But knowing the bold ingen-

A boat came alongside, that of J. T. At that moment they heard a clear and merry voice, the voice of Michel Ardan, exclaiming in an accent of

triumph. 'White all, Barbicane, white all!" were playing at dominoes!

CHAPTER XVII.

THE END. We may remember the intense sympathy which had accompanied the travelers on their departure. If at the beginning of the enterprise they had they I" cried J. T. Maston. And the excited such emotion both in the old poor man called loudly upon Nicholl, and new world, with what enthusiasm Harry Trolloppe, and Francis Drayton, Barbicane, and Michel Ardan, as if his would they be received on their return ! unfortunate friends could either hear The millions of spectators which had or answer him through such an im- beset the peninsula of Florida, would penetrable medium! The search con- they not rush to meet these sublime adtinued under these conditions until the venturers? Those legions of strangers, vitiated air compelled the divers to hurrying from all parts of the globe to The hauling in began about six in leave the Union without having seen the evening, and was not ended before Barbicane, Nicholl, and Michel Ardan No! and the ardent passion of the pub "To-morrow," said J. T. Maston, as lic was bound to respond worthily to he set foot on the bridge of the cor- the greatness of the enterprise. Human creatures who had left the terrestria "Yes," answered Captain Bloms- sphere, and returned after this strange voyage into celestial space, could not fail to be received as the prophet Elia would be if he came back to earth. To J.T. Maston did not doubt of their final see them first, and then to hear them

upheld by the excitement of the first Barbicane, Michel Ardan, Nicholl, hours, understood all the difficulty of and the delegates of the Gun Club, rethe enterprise. What seemed easy at turning without delay to Baltimore, San Francisco, seemed here in the wide ocean almost impossible. The chances thusiasm. The notes of President Barof success diminished in rapid propor- became's voyage were ready to be given tion; and it was from chance alone that to the public. The New York Herald the meeting with the projectile might | bought the manuscript at a price no yet known, but which must have been The next day, the 24th, in spite of very high. Indeed, during the publica the fatigue of the previous day, the tion of "A Journey to the Moon," the operation was renewed. The corvette | sale of this paper amounted to five miladvanced some minutes to westward, lions of copies. Three days after the and the apparatus, provided with air, return of the travelers to the earth, the bore the same explorers to the depths slightest detail of their expedition was known. There remained nothing more

a desert. The 25th brought no other The expedition of Barbicane and his friends round the moon had enabled It was disheartening. They thought them to correct the many admitted of those unfortunates shut up in the theories regarding the terrestrial satelprojectile for twenty-six days. Per- lite. These savants had observed de haps at that moment they were ex- visu, and under particular circumstances. periencing the first approach of suffoca- They knew what system should be retion; that is, if they had escaped the dangers of their fall. The air was spent formation of that orb, its origin, its and doubtless with the air all their habitability. Its past, present, and future had even given up their last se "The air, possibly," answered J. T. | crets. Who could advance objections Maston, resolutely, "but their morale against conscienticus observers who a on the 28th, after two more days of less than twenty-four miles distance had marked that curious mountain of search, all hope was gone. This pro- Tycho, the strangest system of lunar orography? How answer those savants whose sight had penetrated the abysi of Pluto's circle? How contradict those But J. T. Maston would not hear of bold ones whom the chances of their going away. He would not abandon enterprise had borne over that invisible face of the disc, which no human eye the tomb of his friends. But Com- until then had ever seen? It was now mander Bloomsberry could no longer | their turn to impose some limits on that persist, and in spite of the exclamations | Selenographic science, which had reconof the worthy Secretary, was obliged to structed the lunar world as Cuvier did the skeleton of a fossil, and say, "The moon was thus, a habitable world, inhabited before the earth! The moon is

uninhabited." To celebrate the return of its most illustrious member and his two compan ting to leave the spot where the catasions, the Gun Club decided upon giving Newcastle Bakery a banquet, but a banquet worthy of the perched on the maintop-gallant cross- conquerors, worthy of the American people, and under such conditions that all the inhabitants of the Union could

All the head lines of railroads in the had the appearance of one of those on all the platforms, lined with the surmounted its cone, which merged five | ively calculated, marked by electric object straying at random on the waves. the United States, and every road was All looked with feverish anxiety, but open. One engine only at full speed, Nov. 20, '78.

the railroads of the United States. The corvette approached to within The engine was manned by a driver two cables' lengths of the object. and a stoker, and bore, by special fa- 1 HIGH BACK SLEIGH, almost new, for A shudder ran through the whole vor, the Hon. J. T. Maston, Secretary crew. That flag was the American flag! of the Gun Club. The carriage was re- dcr.12 General Hardware Store, Chat

At this moment a perfect howling served for President Barbicane, Colonel was heard; it was the brave J. T. Nicholl, and Michel Ardan. At the had carried the three heroes from the

They hurried towards him, picked | mouth of the Columbiad? him up, restored him to life. And Thus they sped from one town to the other, finding whole populations at "Ah! trebly brutes! quadruply idiots! quintuply boobies that we are!" the same acclamations, lavishing the table on their road, saluting them with "What is it?" exclaimed every one same bravos! They traveled in this way through the east of the Union, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Main, and New Hampshire : the north and the west by New rible Secretary, "it is that the projectile York, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin; returning to the south by Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and Louisi-And that it displaces twenty-eight ana; they went to the southeast by Alatons, or in other words, 56,000lbs, and bama and Florida, going up by Georgia and the Carolinas, visiting the center Ah! what stress the worthy man laid on the verb "float!" And it was true! Indiana, and after quitting the Washing-All, yes ! all these savants had forgotten | ton station, reentered Baltimore, where this fundamental law, namely, that on for four days one would have thought that the United States of America were seated at one immense banquet, salutthe greatest depth of the ocean, must | ing them simultaneously with the same naturally return to the suface. And hurrahs! The apotheosis was worthy

> have placed as demigods. And now will this attempt, unpreced ented in the annals of travel, lead to munication with the moon ever be es foundation of a traveling surface through Mercury, and after awhile from one star Will this means of locomotion allow us

uity of the Anglo-Saxon race, no one would be astonished if the Americans The impatience of these bold divers

A boat came alongside, that of J. I.

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