"That is just where you can help us!" said Ruth impulsively. For the instant Sir Donald actually blushed with embarrassment. Then he gathered himself together

and went into details of what they must expect and the difficulties they

"If you could only go along!" Ruth said plaintively when he had got them thoroughly discouraged. "You could

talk their horrid language and make them behave."

"By Jove." said the baronet, smiling

"that's not a half bad idea! I have nothing to do, and I might as well see

the chaps in India again as stay here."
"You know, Sir Donald was in the army there," Ruth explained to Ever-

"Brought up there," Faversham add

ed. "Know India pretty well. 1 real-

ly believe I'll go with you if you'll ac-cept of my company. What a lark!" Neither John nor Everett received

this proposal with undue warmth, but Ruth found it delightful, and before

any of them realized the seriousne

the little lady's courtesy say so."

expression of jealousy to himself.

tried to restrain his unruly heart.

CHAPTER XXIV.

"He Is a Prisoner!"

the present search for the plans of the site of the mother lode.

At first he could hardly believe that

such things could happen, but slowly

he came to understand that the tre

mendous passions that were fighting

I fear you will find it different in

to be satisfied would stop at nothing.

India," he told John many times "Th

country is immense, it is inhabited by races of different speech and habits

and religions, and yet over it all ther

is the vague spell of the east which i

that I fear you will not easily recover

"But I must get the papers back."

"Many a man has refused to ac-

much interested myself, not only for

sporting standpoint, and I promise you I'll do my best to help you."

They considered the suggested plan

of taking the idol away from the Hin

du during the voyage, but Faversham vetoed this after a somewhat exten

"You see," he told Ruth, "I know the fellow's language, and he comes

from a tribe far in the north of India

ecrate his image would simply mean

an uproar that we could never explain

his officers. In fact, we should all get

"Then your advice is to wait?" she

"Most decidedly." said the baronet

"And the waiting isn't so bad, is it?"
The steamer was slipping easily

into the most serious trouble."

softly away from the cutwater.

She was not in love, but she

To be sure, he had John Dorr to con

tend with. Faversham did not under

estimate him as a possible rival when he allowed himself to go so far as con-

He liked the young American, and none knew better than he the effect that constant association with Dorr

templating marriage with Ruth.

sive investigation.

murmured.

from his life.

knowledge that a thing is impossible.

said John quietly "There is no ques

heavy for him.

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of the conversation everything ha

Outside Faversham spoke to Dorr as

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"That is very true," John agreed. We'll keep that in reserve in case we discover that he has the idol. Our only plan, then, is to trace this Hindu. Special Prices on Large Orders. The Chronicle That will be a hard job." Phone 45. Ingersoll.

"Why not put detectives on the "I don't think any detective could do

better than myself," was the reply.
"But you can't do it all," she argued "You can't be looking for this peddler and keeping an eye on Wilkerson and seeing to me at the same time."

"The seeing to you is the pleasantest part of the job," he said laughingly. "I refuse to delegate that to any one. Of course you're quite right, though, about it's being too big an affair for me to handle alone. I think I'll ask Everett to join us. Maybe he can suggest something. I'll wire him, and hen we'll take a trip down to the water front and interview our tempchuse. ont and interview our laun aggin. He seemed to me a pretty level headed chap, and he'll maybe be able to put us on the track of the Hindu if

he took a steamer for the north, as I strongly suspect he did."

Ruth could not understand why the beddler should do this, and Dorr explained that the Hindu evidently had bet great store on the idol, as he had let great store on the idol, as he had let only paid cash, but had given a rug hs well in exchange.

"He would know that the thing was Brothless as an article of more than

worthless as an article of merchan-dise," he went on. "In the next place, he wasted no time in getting posses-ation of it once he saw it. I have no doubt that it is sacred in his eyes—a god. It was stolen at some time from a temple. What more natural than that he should see the chance of a great teward for doing a pious duty and re-

"But that's all guesswork," Ruth insisted practically

"I know it," he admitted. "But a good guess is better than nothing to work on. Let's go and see our skipper

The launch captain received them genially and listened to John's story.
At its finish he agreed with John that
it was very likely that the Indian had cognized a native god and would restore it to its own temple.

"I've visited those eastern ports a good deal," he told them. "I know boys on a lark from the ship will do lust that trick-run off with an idol



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who had bought the idol con

taining the plans of the mother lode of the "Master Key"

That individual's curiosity was arous

ed by now, and be asked a great many questions, which John answered eva-

sively.

When it came to getting a descrip-

tion of the Hindu the broker could give

but few details.

He laid emphasis on the fact that he sold rugs and that he looked like above of dozen East indians frequenting a Pacific port. He knew of no ad-

With this Dorr had to be content, and be returned to Ruth to discuss with

"Have him arrested as a fugitive from

justice and held for the county sheriff and the warrant that Tom Kane swore

Ruth considered this thoughtfully

and shook her head.
"It would mean our going back to

the mine and all kinds of trouble," she said wisely. "Besides, we wouldn't be

ary pearer the papers father wanted

her what they should do next. "If Wilkerson gets it there is an easy way to get him." be said in the course

"How?" demanded Ruth.

of their conversation

out," he replied.

the pawnbroker.

CHAPTER XXIII. for a curlo-and I know the fuss the beathens make about it too. They'll go any length to get back a first chop Sir Donald Faversham Volunteers. N his search for the Hindu,

Before they left he promised to keep an eye open for the Hindu and inforthis they had to be satisfied, as in-



\*Seeing to you is the pleasantest part of the job."

quiries elsewhere developed nothing

Everett arrive on the evening train and after dinner listened to the story of their adventures with great interest When he had asked a few question he and John looked at each other

Finally Everett spoke.
"It might take years to locate the lode without the exact plans," he said thoughtfully. "I don't doubt that your father, Miss Ruth, spent many a long hour and day prospecting for it. So we must have the plans if it's in the bounds of possibility to recover them. think you will have to find your

"There is the question of the mine."



But Mrs. Grundy insists on the maid." been allowed to go pretty much to ruin. Tom Kane would do his best, of ourse, but actually we are looking for the bird in the bush when we have one

"I see your point," the promoter said promptly. "My offer of days ago still holds good. I'll finance this matter to the end, and I'll look after the mine. So you can be care free so far as

riou know i wouldn't take it for myself," John began awkwardly and was silenced by a smile.

The next morning they had barely finished breakfast when the launch "You know, my dear renow," ne said, addressing John, "that India is a large country filled with millions of different races. Even granting that this man is a Hindu and that your

plish anything.

must encounter.

captain was announced.

The three of them found him burst-

ing with news.
"I think I located your Hindu," he

them. "He came down at day light this morning tooking for a steamer sailing for the north. The Haleyon leaves at noon, and the steward gave him a job in the gattey."
"But it might be another Hindu,"

Ruth suggested. The cantain turned toward her and shook his head. "I don't think it's possible," he said. "He answered the description clear down to the rugs Besides that, he seemed kind of nerv ous, and when one of the sailors follied bim the man nearly had a fit. I'm sure he's your man.
"There's only one thing for you to

do," Everett sald promptly—"take pas-sage on that steamer yourselves to San Francisco. By that time you can be pretty sure whether he's your man o

This was agreed upon, and Ruth started on her preparations immediately, Everett insisting that she take her

naid with her. "But I don't need her!" Ruth protest

"You are merely a youngster," Everett said quietly, "and you must have a woman traveling with you. It is all right to do as you like in the mines where no one would dream of speak ing evil or thinking it, but Mrs. Grun dy insists on the maid."

John agreed with Everett and de parted to get the tickets, in spite of Everett's warning that he had better send and get them.

The result was that George Drake,

just landed from the mine and in search of Wilkerson, found him shad wing Dorr. Drake explained his coming by say ing that he had heard nothing from either Wilkerson or Mrs. Darnell, and

he could be of no use at the "Master "It's just as well," Wilkerson said sulkily. "I have a dozen things to at tend to, and you can help. The first is not to let that man Dorr get out of

our sight or turn a band unless w

ness he told the story of the finding of the chest and the futile search for the plans and the abstraction of the ido

containing them.

When Wilkerson found that Dorr and Ruth booked passage on the Hal-cyon for San Francisco and had inquired about the next sailings for the Orient be took Drake aside and they determined that this could only mean

'We'll follow them!" he said savage-"We've spent too much to qui

Jean Darnell received Drake coolly and listened to Wilkerson's explana-

Her stormy eyes boded no good to some one, and Wilkerson feared she mid abandon him.

But there was the tenacity of a tigress in her passions, and now she so foreign to your western America could not give up her sweet revenge nor forego the thought of possessing the wealth which had once been Tom Gallon's and which he had tried to

She agreed to go, and they decided to leave by train that evening, thus the steamer and watch for Dorr's next movement.

Two days later Everett again met John and Ruth in the botel in San Francisco.

John's news was that the Bindu they

sought had undoubtedly been on the Haleyon and that John had bought a steerage passage for Bombay.

"You ought to get the plans before you get to India," Everett said ear-nestly, "You'll find yourself in a strange and, where it will be like looking for a needle in a haystack to get hold for a needle in a haystack to get hold of your man."

Most of those chaps are looked upon as rather sacred, and this man in special, I see, is much respected by the other natives in the steerage. To des

the idol during the passage.

"After all, we don't want the idol. shall try to persuade the man of this and get him to let me have the papers cealed in it."

At this moment Sir Donald Faverham was announced.

The entrance of the Englishman who had made himself so attentive to Ruth at the southern hotel awakened little siasm in either Dorr or Everett, but for Ruth's sake they played the

the other hand, received Sir Donald with every evidence of lively

"We are this minute talking of ing over to India, where you lived so one," she told him after the first "And you are just the man o tell us all about it."

"Going to India!" ejaculated the bar-onet. "My word!" "Yes," she proceeded. "We are aft-

er a Hindu and his idol." At this point John laughingly came to the rescue and briefly explained the object of their quest.

Sir Donald listened quietly, occasion

ally glancing at Ruth, whose beauty was enhanced by pretty excitement. At the conclusion of the tale he nursed the end of his stick awhile in very apparent perplexity.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S

deeply in love.

From Hongkong they transshipped John. "In the crowds we ought to be to a P. and O. steamer for Bombay. FOR FLETCHER'S

and under Sir Donald's expert guid-ance they shortly found themselves in India and installed in a very good ho

"We must wait here till I discove aurmise about the idol is correct, I don't see how you are going to accom through natives just where that fellow is bound for."

"Why not simply trace him?" de-manded Dorr, impatient to be about

"That would be out of the question," Faversham explained. "In the first place, you don't understand any native tongue, and in the second place the British government doesn't look with favor on strange and unattached En-

"If you leave it to me I think 1 not only can ascertain the exact place where this fellow comes from, but the

temple where the idol belongs."
Several days passed, during which
Sir Donald was busy among old acquaintances, leaving John and Ruth to

their own devices.

They occupied their time in sight-seeing. At last Faversham came into dinner one evening with a smile on his "I've found your man and learned

something of the history of the image, he said.
"And we can get it back?" Ruth in-

quired promptly.
Sir Donald shook his head gently. Not so fast, young lady!"

"But that is what we came for." she



"Not so fast, young lady!"

several years ago-a great many. truth. It is the tutelary delty of a small city on the river Bhala, and it is about as sacred an article as you could pick up. The people of that city think that since they have lost their image the god is angry with them, and for some years they have quietly conducted a search for it." "And this man will take it to Bhala?"

demanded Ruth. "He has already started, I under- to her. stand from some of the natives 1

"Then what are we to do?" demanded John. "Bhata is some hundreds of miles up country." Sir Donald continued. "Part

of the way we can go by rail, but part Faversham warned him, "and the east has driven him mad. However, I am

of the road we must travel either on foot or by litter—if we go."
"Of course we are going!" said Ruth. "I most earnestly beg of you to stop here," said the baronet. "You don't know your India as I do, and even if we accomplished our purpose we should

run double risk in getting back." They argued the matter for some time, but Ruth refused to consider re-treat at this stage, and John, impress-ed though he was by the other's evident sincerity, could not help feeling that as an outsider he did not under-stand the necessity of the recovery of

insistent.

He characterized the whole expedition as rash and plainly stated that threw him a kiss. should the British government get The baronet's heart beat high. He wind of such a search immediate steps would be taken to see that the Americans went no further.

what he said when he had volunteered their companion, on the next steamer.

"We can easily pick up Dorr's trail when we land," Wilkerson told them. what he said when he had volunteered along across a moonlit sea that night and Ruth and Sir Donald were far in to help them. the bow watching the waves foam

and admitted himself helpless in the The girl had awakened during the face of such arguments. I can to save the young woman from

of being always the center of men's actual peril." he remarked. "I by no means promise to give you active ready to be. The experienced man be "I'll be satisfied if you'll just tip me side her surmised this. His own heart was beating a new tune. He had lived

off once in awhile." John responded.
They made the journey to Bhala safely, Ruth and John viewing the much, and women had not been aloos novel sights that met their eyes on every hand, Sir Donald acting as gen-But this fair, proud, inexperienced yet self contained girl wakened in him eral guide and instructor. a deeper feeling than he cared to con On their arrival at the teeming city

they were soon installed in an ian out-side the center and some distance up the river. Faversham wasted no time in look

ing up certain people he knew among the natives and was in a position to inform them that he had not only dis-covered the temple, but that he had learned that the idol had been recovmust have upon a young and very im-pressionable girl. John's own senti-ments were unmistakable—he was ered and would be restored to its prop er shrine with due ceremony and great festivity.

"That will be just our chance," said

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Faversham tried to convince him that this was not so, but Dorr insisted so strongly that the Englishman yield-

ed to his better judgment.
"I'll try to get you within sight of
the idol anyway," he consented. "But went on.
"The fact of the matter is this," said
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The fact of the matter the baronet—"that image was stolen tions implicitly. Otherwise we shall all get into trouble and you will effectually kill any chance you may have

of attaining your purpose."

The result of this was that Ruth late that night was wakened by Sir Donald's rapping on her door.

When she had flung on some clothes and opened she saw from his manner and his disheveled dress that all had

not gone well.
"It's true," Faversham told her.
"Dorr couldn't resist what he thought was a chance to get hold of the idol. He was captured, but I managed to get away by my knowledge of the anguage and the help of some native who are friendly to me."

For the moment Ruth was speech

less; then she inquired for the particulars, and Sir Donald gave them briefly At the conclusion he remarked, "The won't harm him, but if it gets out that he really intended to steal that image we shall have trouble."
"But he is a prisoner!" she cried.

"True," said Faversham wearily. "I didn't dare stay. If they had got me, too, you wouldn't have known anything about what had happened for days "But you will save him?" she pleaded.

In her appealing beauty Ruth stirred Sir Donald to the depths. He knew now that he loved her. For love of her he would do what he knew might mean his own death, but he was helpless in the grip of this

ack with him"-She leaned forward, gloriously con-

tent that John was to be brought back She did not read aright the expression in the man's eyes. She threw out

her little hands to him joyously.
"I'll always love you if you will." be whispered. He stared dizzily, and she withdrew before he could put out his hands or say a word. Five minutes later he

was hastily making his way back toward the temple.

To his dying day Sir Donald was

never able to explain just how he found John Dorr nor how he extricated him from the howling mob who yelled for the life of the impious man who had laid foul bands on their god. His own recohection was of desper-ately using his tongue, his muscles and

his knowledge of the usual intricacies of a native city.

John himself could give no clear description, but confessed that he had

given up hope of rescue when Sir Don-aid appeared as by magic.

It was dawn when they reached the the plans.

When he and Sir Donald talked it over alone the baronet was even more

It was dawn when they reached the hotel, and Ruth was on the balcony watching. When Faversham looked up and called out, "I managed it!" she

leaned far over, her eyes shining, and

had won her for his wife. The fact that Dorr and Ruth had sailed for India did not escape Wil-kerson and Mrs. Darnell's sharp Dorr was unconvinced and finally in-timated that Faversham had not meant senses, and they sailed, with Drake as

He found this true. Within two days



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sir Donald Faversham.
Without delay they followed and to
due time landed in Bhals, not long
after Sir Donald had rescued Dors
from the mob who had seized him
when he had tried to recapture the
idol. Witkerson grinned when he told
Mrs. Darnell of this dasco.
"But will you fare any hetter?" she

"But will you fare any better?" she "Sure." he said confidently. "I'll let Dorr and this British baronet burn



Then the 'Master Key' will be ours." their fingers getting the thing; tnen I'll get it away from them. It's a long way back to America, and if we stick tight to Dorr we'll sooner or later be

able to handle the plans ourselves. "Then the 'Master Key' will be our

Continued Next Week.

THE "TIGER" IN BATTLE.

ritish Marine Describes Sea-Fight as Experience, Below Deck, One of the most graphic descripons of the scens below deck during modern sea fight, and of that cooless and unconcern which characterze the men of the British navy, even knew might mean his own death, but he was helpless in the grip of this sweet passion.

Yet he would not go without at least a word of hope and promise.

"I'll get him," he told her. "It will be a hard job, but I'll save him for your sake, Ruth, and when I come had been to the same assertion is a deliberate lie will be apparent from this letter, which is dated Jan, 19th, five days after the hattle.

battle,
"I will give you." says our corre-"I will give you," says our correspondent's husband, "the details of the fight as near as I can. At 7 a.m. on the morning of the fight, Sunday, Jan. 25th, we were called to our stations. Soon after nine down the voice plus same. "From the text here." pipe came, 'Elem', on the port bow.'
We had heard that before, and been disappointed; bu, when we heard the engines moving quicker we thought that at last there was a thought that at last there was a chance. Then they shouted down, 'The Lion has opened fire.' Up went a cheer, and our foremost turret fired. Then we knew we were within range at last. But there was no excitement among the boys. You should have seer them sitting down, reading and chatting away as though we were waiting for drill, while our guns for-

watting for drill, while our guns for-ward were blazing and banging away. We wished every charge good luck, and there was another cheer when the news comes down that one of the en-emy is on fire. emy's shells tickling our sides. we hear that the 'butcher,' or Blucher, has gone under. Afterwards we carried on at the others. Our stokers must have worke, jolly hard, for you could feel the ship plowing her way through the water.

"I have said we were cool only change I say in the men's faces was when they passed the word, 'The engineer-captain is dead. engineer-captain is dead.' I saw a twitching of lips, a twitching no one could misunderstand, for the engineer-captain was liked by everyone on board. More power went to our guns, and we kept at it till at last came the order, 'Cease fire,' 'Blue watch, stand by guns; remainder fall put,' was the next order. out,' was the next order. not long doing that. We rushed not long doing that. We rushed up on deck, but there was nothing but ships and smoke in the distance. Our work was done, Scarborough was avenged, and every man seemed pleased that he had done his share. I feel all the better, as I know I have done a little bit."

### Witchcraft. Perhaps the most interesting of

English trials for witchcraft was the of the Suffolk witches in 1665, fo Sir Matthew Hale was the judge Sir Matthew Hale was the judge and Sir Thomas Browne appearerd as an expert medical—witness. The two prisoners were accused of bewitching young children, a great point for the prosecution being that out of the blanket of an infant suckled by one of them a great toad had fallen and exploded in the fire like gunpowder. Immediately after the witch was found at home scorched and maimed. In spite of unsatisfactory evidence, the two were convicted, whereupon the children's health at once began to improve.—London nce began to improve.-London