A Persian Roseleaf

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"The Regent of the Rows," "The Real Louis XV.." "A Canadian Girl," etc., etc.

CHAPTER I.

A Lethargic Viscount. "Have you heard the news, Effingham? The Camerons are cut off by the Dervishes! They say they've been awfully cut up and have intrenched

"I don't believe you, Beaumont, my But where and how?-give some

camped for the night on our way back about, and painting, too." from the Gordon relief expedition in The three men came over, while Cap- marry him-no more can anyone else

"When we didn't relieve Gordon, and humored laughthe Mahdi, or Abdullah, cut the poor have allowed themselves to be cut up, again, you see; he will no doubt order tian army-couldn't you? But now, at if they are in a fix. Who told you?"

wired down from Assouan to Korosko; make a picture." but here comes De Clintone, who'll have the last news from the 'Gyppy' Brigade Office-he'll tell us."

An officer, in the mess jacket with pale blue facings and gold network on the sleeve which betokened one of the Anglo-Egyptian service, strolling across the spacious hotel veranda was accosted by the two speakers, who wore Egyptian gun camel, even to the red mess jackets of the British you," said Effingham: "but the friend-

ham; "what's this shave which Beau- Lady Evelyn Merkland has any more mont has been telling me about the Cameron Highlanders? You should know all about it; you've got some of your snuff and butter-colored Gyppies, or some Blacks, away up beyond Haifa to sit on too. But if you won't-well, In the desert somewhere, haven't you? I have something else I want you to in the sandbag posts on the railway. do for me. I have a friend here who tier Field Force?"

"Why, certainly-it's all right; the of our 9th Battalion-the Soudanese Black Regiment-have had a bit of a -have cut in on the Nile bank between them and Akasheh, and they're in a hole. We are going to send up our 1st Battalion-the one which has been fighting all last year at Suakin—as Corps we've got, which isn't much. Some guns will go up too from Korshow also, if you behave yourselves." he added laughingly; "but we shan't kindlet you do much of the fighting this "Please look at him well and study time; the Khedive would like us to him, and perhaps you'll know what's among the black basaltic rocks, ten He's a kind of kinsman of mine in miles south of Halfa on the railroad, Scotland, but I can't talk Scotch, and shouldn't wonder if you find yourselves | calling him Earl of Avocky, when the there in some three weeks' time-the name is written Avochie; and he can't as I go through to the front to join lock. It's so much easier to say the Sirdar, that is if I am not off soon- Avocky and lock-don't you think so?

"You Egyptians have got the most in- a proper Scotch word-through his son. fernal impertinence. It's fortunate Couldn't you take him to fight-or there are so few of you in Cairo, or something like that? My husband says Shepheard's Hotel would become in- he won't let him go with his regiment, tolerable. I for one am not going to which is going to be ordered off again, sit in a fort on the desert railroad and because he's only a militiaman. Isn't see you go through with your convict a militiaman good for anything? Please gang to the front.-They'll all run do look at him well and think it over. away, anyhow!'

up the Nile, for all that you English with a patient expressionmay say; and you know perfectly well that you would be only too glad to you like me to run round and show join us yourself if Eendina, the Khe- my paces?" dive, could only have the proper repre-

you chaps get all the brevets, pay, detest." Medjidiehs and Osmaniehs, while we "I never detest anyone, fighting; but I am ready to risk that fancy, see her oftener." o get my share of the good things. when you come back to us, while Beau- girl too." mont and I, both your seniors, are The Hon. Hugh Isla, Lord Rothie-

and, like the other fellows in the E. A., was as bright looking a little man as considerable fright I got with some of have been constantly reading up a intend to make a man of him. There could be seen anywhere, and at pres- them along this very road, just after dialogue book which gives the vernacuwere only twenty-five of us at the ent as much in love as a parson of the battle of Tel-el-Kebir and our first lar as spoken here, and I find it much the interim the plot had apparently racks in the desert, beyond the suburb start, when we had the raw material twenty-five ought to be; while Miss occupation of Cairo. Another man and easier to learn than down on the Red tion a lot of mutinous officers of Arabi to like being made love to. While the mids of Ghizeh unarmed, and coming vowed inflexions and terminations called upon for a great deal of money, Lady Evelyn, who, with an artistic Pasha's old army to work on. Look at elder brother went very deliberately back we met a gang like this of the used in the more classical Hedjaz and then the accomplished Gwendoline eye, had been taking in every detail of the Egyptian soldier to-day!—doesn't after Isla and the young lady, who Arab marauders. They commenced had played the love-sick maiden until the Eastern scene, now looked up inhe look like a real soldier, something were vanishing rapidly in the direction of the summer house in the garand three years ago at the great and done of the summer house in the garand three years ago at the great and done of the summer house in the garand three years ago at the great and done of the summer house in the garand three years ago at the great and done of the summer house in the garand three years ago at the great and done of the summer house in the garand three years ago at the great and done of the summer house in the garand three years ago at the great and done of the summer house in the garand three years ago at the great and done of the summer house in the garand three years ago at the great and the young lady, who dark the great three years ago at the great and the young lady, who dark is the use of talking about it? My father has harrowed.

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The great and the young lady, who dark is the use of talking about it? My father has harrowed. glorious battle of Tel-el-Kebir, of "Now, Lady Evelyn, what is it you got by them before they quite made up nothing is what I have got to do. I part, having talked about "her duty, directly. Well, I have a bit of news for fellows, I have already, down at Su- I am sure we shall all be glad to help right now, though," he added; "you I lead, and often go about now look- daughter," and so on, ad libitum. As first is that my chum, the Commandlike heroes. Several saved the lives of "Kinsman! Colonel De Clintone, do would be in Piccadilly." soldiers in the 19th Hussars most galbers and have seen for anything else, I suppose. I am out-sociation commenced in his boyhood, to Alexandria on account of his health, lantly, and have been granted the Brithe eldest son of the Earl of Avocky. one so young!" replied Lord Rothiemay side everything, although, God knows! had his chere amie but been more and then to be sent back to Suakin to tish Distinguished Conduct Medal in Well, I'll tell you the truth. I would in a rather melancholy tone. "I supconsequence. But now we are going like you to take him and bang him pose you are only about a couple of mow it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to feel one's self a comprobably have fallen into the trap laid now it is awful to fee material of three years ago, and, in- pump and push him afterwards and had a rotten existence. When I look I suppose I have got to resign myself stead of being only a Brevet Major make him run. Look at him now!— at you, and your medals and clasps, to it, that's all." in the British army, if I live I'll be he'll never catch that active brother and think how my own horizon has With an air of despondency, Rothie-General by the time I'm forty: you them of their own accord. He's been Piccabilly you mention, I feel ashamed ions of the carriage. De Clintone, himmark my words, and see, if I help to spoiled with too much money, too of myself. All I have done has been self a fair man, turned to look compas- ceeding to Cowes during the regatta stead of Kaimakam and Bey. His de-

ordinary civilian evening dress, were last, one of the former, a handsome

where we landed from the boats and adore them-they are worth talking ling that he can do, and is tired now that-I should be proud of niyself."

chap's head off! I know the spot, a the weather is the right thing to talk he is coming back—no, he is stopping

"Now that's a nice suggestion, Capt. Beaumont, and you Captain Effingham, like good boys, will each mount one of them, with Colonel De Clintone on third in the middle, just to show that you have made friends.

"No, Lady Evelyn, by all the gods! I refuse to mount on the hump of an ship with the Egyptian Assistant Adjutant-General shall continue, and if commands, they shall be obeyed.'

"Oh, dear! and you would have look ed so nice up on a wolly camel-that deep fluff must be pleasant and soft Have you had any news from the Fron- is very tired-of anything and everything. Please stand up, Lord Rothiemay. I want you three men to be General wired down from Assouan this nice and kind to him-and shake him up afternoon that the Camerons and some well; put him on camels or something useful of that sort. Viscount Rothiemay, please do step forward and make scrimmage. The enemy-a lot of them your bow to my friends. There, what do you think of him? can you make anything of him?-he's really not bad,

when he isn't asleep, or bored." As the three officers, all clean-cut, smart-looking, moustached men of hard as they can go, and all the Camel sealed army pattern, shook hands with the somewhat loose-limbed and tall stranger, Lady Evelyn Merkland con osko. Some of you English may get a tinued, in her languid tones, as if she were showing off a beast of some

have a little of the glory while you sit good for him, for I confess I don't. his father dreadfully by view is splendid! I'll look in on you bear me either because I call a lock a So, you see, I want to make it up to "Go to the devil!" replied Beaumont. and get level with my kinsman—that's

What do you think he is good for?" 'They haven't been running away The tall and athletic young man at Suakin," replied young Colonel De wore rather a bored smile through this Clintone, "and they won't run away exordium, and presently remarked,

"You couldn't run, Reginald," was come your buttons. What do you say, and fetch Isla over there, if you could

"Will that do-kinswoman, or would

pence. I don't think, mind, that the "certainly not Miss Cuthbertson; only Egyptians are worth a tinker's cuss for I see her rather often-and may, I

"I know-she tires you-of course Why should you, an Egyptian Bey and you don't detest her, or anyone; it but silently, in a long string. Lieutenant-Colonel, be a Brevet Major would fatigue you. But fetch them in the British service both now and both; Hugh will come if you bring the

only Captains?" Effingham spoke test- may's younger brother, was a parson; that is to say he wore a clerical garb Because I believe in the Egyptian, and had been a curate for a time. But

blessed memory? I tell you, my dear really want us to do with your cousin? their minds to attack us. They are all am nevertheless sick of the rotten life sacrificing her feelings to her step-

nothing, of the world-and women too. I can't and onec hapter, when hisi fiaitihiei

CHAPTER II.

Merely An Outsider. After dinner that evening the three to see what they could make of him. The young Viscount had drunk a botupon his feature earlier.

After standing about upon the veranda and chatting a little with the ladies there assembled, an occupation which evidently did not interest Rothiemay, Captain Effingham suggested a visit to the gambling tables in the Cafe Egyptian just opposite.

After winning or losing a few sov ereigns at roulette, the quartette adjourned to another cafe or salon, kept by a Greek named Adam, who was evidently a favorite with the British round a couple of baccaret tables. They were a merry crowd, all in mess uniform, and nearly every breast was adorned with two or three miniature medals-for this was the British officer at play. There was not one present there who did not also know the mean ing of the words work and duty.

After both Beaumont and Rothiemay had taken a turn at holding the bank, when the former won and the latter lost-apparently with indifference-De Clintone suggested a moonlight drive out to the Pyramids. He was no gambler, although, like everybody in Cairo in those days, he punted a little, pour passer le temps. He was anxious to get out of the heated atmosphere, esto whom he introduced Lord Rothiewas never refused-the liquor, however, did not affect him. De Clintone was a great friend of Lady Evelyn, and is?" anxious to do her a kindness, if he ant way of speaking, she was very Constabulary, you know."
much in earnest in wishing to make "But they do no fight something manly of that spoilt son of De Clintone?" fortune her kinsman. De Clintone wished, however, to have an opportunity of seeing what sort of fellow he Hassan last spring. It was quite a was, and, when a lot more men said that they too would take a moonlight had a field gun and made a stubborn drive out to the Pyramids, he contriv- resistance. But I don't think they are ed to take Rothiemay alone with him likely to have any more, as all the sive. "I have put Gwen up to the found De Clintone waiting for her on course there'll be one—I hope you'll in an arabiyeh, with a couple of dash- known robbers have been hanged and game, as you say he has not been so the veranda. He looked very smart in to take care of each other. I don ing Arab ponies, which soon outstrip- are at peace for ever. Nor, if you were ned all the rest. It was a glorious under me at present, would you get night for the eight-mile drive, and un- any very interesting work. I am in an sentations made to him, showing how the reply. "I am sure it would bore til some time after they had crossed office all day long, where a great part nicely a crescent and star would be- you and make you very tired. No, go the Nile, by the Kasr-el-Nil bridge, of my duties consists in offering little both of the young men smoked away at cups of coffee and cigarettes to walk so far. I see him away there their cigars in silence, admiring the Egyptian officials who come in to see "Yes, I want to join the Gyppy army; talking to Miss Cuthbertson, whom you beauties of the river, the palaces, the me from the other offices. Or else 1 citadel, and minaretted mosques be- go to the other offices, and drink cofget all the kicks and none of the halfEvelyn," said the young Viscount, silhouetted in the moonlight. At very lively programme, is it? but in cially as you repent, etc., etc. Any the road in Cairo that, in the crowded plenty of wraps, and then if yond the great stream, all so sharply fee and smoke cigarettes there. Not a length, as the arabiyeh bowled rapidly the Egyptian Army we have to conalong the Ghizeh avenue of mimosas form to Egyptian customs. Then I gradually, and, in the meantime, get tinction had one or more syces run- other." out towards the desert, a ghostly pro- have got an awful lot of Arabic to talk all you can. Then, if Gwendoline ning in front, to compel the foot pascession was seen approaching swiftly

"What on earth are they, Colonel?" asked Rothiemay, as the wrapped-up . ed by noiselessly.

Cuthbertson, a pretty heiress, seemed I had foolishly driven out to the Pyra- Sea coast, as they drop off all the saw it all now. First he had been camels were to be found. ped up his horses to a gallop, and we brought me up to do nothing—and Lady Delavine had not omitted her said De Clintone; "I'm coming to it

make the Egyptian now, that he in many ladies, and no profession. Be- to waste my time. I have been of ab- sionately at his companion, and for

But the present Earl of Ayochie went into the city, bought and sold sugar, founded companies, or became a guinea pig—did, in fact, whatever it is they do when they are in the city. He has made a very large fortune, but thing already, and will do more as time they are in the city. He has made a very large fortune, but thing already, and will do more as time should be wasted that it is should be wasted that it is they was not brother was now so violently taken up the correct the place of a firm nose and chin—that is, they would be firm when not despondent as they would be He has made a very large fortune, but thing already, and will do more as time never allowed his son to do a stroke of work at anything sensible. Reginald Although such a useless ass, I am not, of employing his latent energy.

I believe without a faint idea of intwenty-seven, and has really I believe, without a faint idea of in-twenty-seven, and has really I believe, without a faint idea of in-talents—at least had. He can telligence, and as I was listening to The Egyptian officer had a swift her father, and perhaps she herself, have nobody to drive me about, take great talents-at least had. He can telligence, and as I was listening to write verses like Bryon, or a book like you talking to my cousin this evening, thought traverse his brain, as he look- had aimed in the first instance. The me to see sphinxes and pyramids, to Charles Dickens—at least could have I was taking things in. You believe in ed at the young Viscount thus, and father was a very rich retired timber say nothing of woolly camels and nice done so-I think he wrote one verse your Eygptians and intend to make felt sorry for him. He did not, how- merchant, who had hired a large castle things like that. Why can't you lear and one chapter, when his father nipped his literary tastes in the bud. Nor what the fellows in the Army of Occujust then climbing the steep pitch leadin Scotland and had contrived to bein Scotland and had contrived to beit's their country up there, and the was he allowed to become a diplomat- pation may say, I believe in both you ist or a soldier. It was only with a and your Egyptians and am sure that me struggle that he was allowed to apply you will succeed. I am only a militiafor a commission in the Banffshire man, it is true. But still, even a Cap-Militia. His father wishes him to do tain in the 3rd Battalion of the Banff- the Sphinx in the moonlight, where only daughter by the same ship to the least, I'm sure. I told Sir Heri but just be his heir, and or- shire Highlanders knows a soldier sitting about on long cane chairs on namental. The result is that he has when he sees one. I have noticed the the broad veranda close at hand. At up to now fallen back upon wine and Gyppy soldiers, especially the regi- base of the extraordinary riddle of anwomen, and become sick of life, al- ment of infantry that has just come tiquity. On the drive home, Lord son promptly to his brother Hagh, who woman of thirty, exclaimed languidly, though he has a very large income to Cairo, and am amazed at their in soft tones, with a faint lisping arising from Amalgamated Horseshoes bearing. There were a lot of them on speech—and Doorknockers, or some ridiculous guard at the Abdeen Palace to-day. I stories of the battles of Abou Klea "Oh! dear me! Colonel De Clintone, concern like that—one of those city saw the guard 'turn out' and present and Gubat, and tales of the anxious what are you men squabbling about on things of the Earl's. I have, I believe, arms as the Khedive drove in, and days when the little desert force una beautiful evening like this? Why some Horseshoes and Doorknockers never saw anything smarter done in der Stewart vainly hoped that the and sensible man to avoid ladies' sodon't you talk about the weather-it's myself, but have never seen one of my life. When one loks at the miser-"Oh! they were caught by the Emir delightfully cool, and I can see that both Captain Beaumont and Captain Beaumont some ungodly place up above the Dal Effingham are looking perfectly hot. form, though-so they must be good and hang-dog expressions, I simply sider than ever. Cataract. Kosheh they call it—a ham- Come here, all of you, and tell me for something. Anyhow, this boy has marvel to see what you have made of let on the Nile. It is about two miles about the weather, or those dear woolly his Doorkockers and nothing else, has them. I only wish to heaven that I south of that old Fort Mograkkeh camels that carry the field guns. I done everything in the way of travel- had a chance of doing something like

for instance, for several months at a whole year by Osman Digna. We used to have a fight every night even two or three times every night as well.

"How did they fight? Did they ever show any funk?'

"I only saw one little bit of a scare. army, as the place was crowded with officers, a great number of whom were return to Suakin, where I had been already at the time of the battle of We were attacked on three sides at once; there was a perfectly helish fire, and a party of young soldiers guarding the gate, in a very exposed position on a causeway over the creek, bolted to the shelter of some ouses. But the soon went back, when we Englishmen called them 'pigs' and 'sons of dogs' a few times. the orthodox Mahomedan manner." "And led them, I suppose, Colonel De lintone?

"Why, yes, of course—they had to be taught what to do; but suppose you drop that 'Cofonel,' Lord Rothiemay." cursed 'Lord.'" replied the young Vis- and a shamefully neglected wife. pecially as he found that each person | count; "and tell me some more about may asked him to have a drink, which only a militiaman, and had a chance of after falsely accusing her of stealing, a billet in the E. A. under you! apprised young Rathlemay of the fact

"Quite impossible, I am afraid; alcould, by looking after this cousin of though you could get into the Gendarhers. For, knowing her well, he quite merie, if they had a vacancy; and that understood that, despite her nonchal- is quite a military force, like the Irish

"But they do no fighting-do they, "Well, they had a brush with some robbers who held the caves at Beni -French isn't enough; and I fear that lingo course for a time to come.'

"No, I think I should be all right figures of Arabs, perched high upon, there pretty soon. I have been on two their thoroughbred dromedaries, pass- lion-shooting expeditions to Somali- Sir John by a former marriage, con- until they had reached land, when I picked up some Arabic. "Bedaween of the desert," replied De And, both before I came to Cairo with Clintone; "and well can I remember a my brother a week ago, and since, I are as safe along this road now as you ing for a convenient pool to drown Lord Rothiemay was still completely ant of the 1st Battalion of the Egyptmyself in. The Nile will do as well as under her thumb, as a result of an as- ian army, is to take a fortnight's leave

ing up to the great Pyramid of Cheops; Avochie, on the pretence of some big are much more comfortable in it that fellows had just overtaken them. So son. they all got out and strolled down to some Bedaween Arabs cooked them Alexandria, in order to introduce his coffee and served it on the sand at the | Cecilia to Rothiemay. The latter saw Rothiemay shared a carriage with had only a younger son's portion to eral into letting him go to the from Effingham, who filled him up with look forward to, and became unap-

CHAPTER III. The Wolly Camels.

During the ensuing week the talk of 'Bravo!" exclaimed De Clintone, a new expedition up the Nile was the tain Beaumont repiled with a good there will therefore soon be nothing laughing. "So you are actually capa- sole object of conversation, as daily left for him but wine-or whiskey, ble of enthusiasm, in spite of what reports from the Soudan frontier serv-"You are quite right, Lady Evelyn, which is more typically Scotch. There! Lady Evelyn said. It is evident that ed to prove what an utter failure Lord she has maligned you, Lord Rothie- Wolseley's campaign with the boats bad place to be caught in a low Nile. about, instead of which Effingham and to look at the gold fish and waiting for may. Well, I feel flattered, although had been to check the pride and fan-It's a good thirty-mile camel ride I have been worrying De Clintone with the brother and the girl. Did you ever those are not my own men, but the 1st aticism of the Dervishes. In the meanacross the desert to the head of the railroad from Wady Halfa to Akasheh. of the Egyptian army. I don't think, do to shake him up? Can't we make which has been fighting for a year, themselves to their heart's content, and I've ridden it, through Firket and Sar- whatever others may do, we envy one He learn Arabic and turn dragoman? while the others have been carrying, none more so than the Hon. and Rev. kametto, so know. If the enemy get of these gallant sportsmen their good He has managed to pick up French, or dragging, whaleboats for Lord Hugh Isla. Not for him was it to behind them and in those places they luck-only-we should like to share it. German and Italian somehow, I believe. Wolseley's troops round or over the complain that, after having consented

are in a fix-but, damn it all, Beau- As for the big camels, by the bye, they If only he knew Arabic, you might Nile Cataracts. Their commandant, a to his taking orders, his father had nont! I don't believe the Camerons are Colonel De Clintone's-his luck make him an interpreter in the Egyp- great chum of mine, is very sick; but discouraged his retaining his curacy he will be very pleased when I tell him until a convenient living could be obthe battery out, in the name of the last, they have caught him up, and what you say about his men. He has tained. The Hon. Hugh liked doing "Oh, everyone, the news has been Khedive, on purpose to allow you to there goes the gong for dinner. Capt. believed in them, and shown that they nothing, and did it to perfection. There Effingham, will you sit beside me? Sir can fight when many of them had no was perfect friendship, but at the same Herbert Merkland has gone to dine more than six months' service-and it time no great sympathy, between the is something to be proud of. Until I ex-curate and his brother. While the got my present billet of A. A. G. in the young parson delighted in tennis par-Egyptian War Office, I had command ties, picnics, boating or donkey exof the battery with the woolly camels peditions, which included frivolous your cousin was talking about; but, members of the fair sex, Rothiemay you know, we officers of the E. A. were detested these occupations and, when boy D. and Miss Bertha B.; the formofficers took Lord Rothiemay in hand, all made interchangeable by Sir Evelyn he could be alone, chose to ramble Wood when he was Sirdar. According- about the bazaars in solitude. Should ly, I have already done a turn with the he see his brother in the distance, actle of Pommery, and it seemed to have done him good; he no longer wore the longer wore the done him good; he no longer wore the longer wor officer, with the rank of Bimbashi, that furniture dealer's, or a vendor of Peris Major, with that very 1st Battalion, sian carpets' establishment, and wait concealed until the sounds of the merry pean manners; both had also been of the oposite sex, between whom the Suakin, where they were besieged for voices had faded away up the narrow quite sufficiently in America to have is no nonsense, ever could be. voices had faded away up the narrow alley ways of the bazaars. Having a considerable fund of Yankee cleverness and Yankee "go." Mr. Domboy old lines: been pursued by match-making mam-D. would, she explained, never bother before I left, and since then they have mas and their marriageable daughters been attacked very often by day and from his boyhood, the Viscount had anyone, but always go on making learned to read a woman who called herself a lady. His acquaintances of the female sex had usually been action. the female sex had usually been actresses, that is after a laison with a land, O. very smart society woman, older than himself, which had terminated in a bit of a scandal. Lady Delavine had caught Reginald young, and, by flattering the her kinsman Reginald. She herself boy, had made him think that she stirred up Mrs. Domboy D., when she loved him for himself alone. He had found that vivacious young matron really loved her for a year or two, and somewhat discouraged after her first had then been always to be seen in rebuffs, with the result that she reher train at Newmarket, Ascot and turned to the charge and-in a modi-Epsom, where she borrowed large sums fied measure—captured the heir to the from him, nominally to bet with, although he was more than once puzzled at finding that her bets did not seem sister, but equally determined to to be so large as she represented them make a friend of the Viscount, and, Only I wish it wasn't so necessary to be. Sir John Delavine, a worthless probably, a husband also. She did not man about town, always made a point seem so anxious perhaps to marry him that's all-for you have done

> At length, the treachery of a lady's Wouldn't such a thing be possible as it that he was being made a fool of. The woman came to him in his rooms in Half Moon street, and told him that particular. he was merely being exploited by the husband and wife together. At the same time, she handed him a very afbetter milk that silly calf Rothiemay a say to you." little harder during the next month or arrangement."

tracted by the Baronet when very quarter of the Fargallah that conver-

meshes already.

oreover, the carriages with the other timber deal, on purpose to meet the you will be. It's full of scorpions and

He had then travelled out with his that kind, which they don't mind proachable himself.

It is not to be supposed that it is so easy as it might seem for a young heroic Gordon was still alive in Khar- ciety when he is staying in a large to do so becomes next door to an im-Merkland and the Hon. and Rev. Hugh knew everybody, Reginald found himself forced also to meet some acquaintances of theirs, two pretty and attractive Americans, Mrs. Domboy D. Potterson, and her sister, Miss Bertha B. Maybury.

Mrs. Domboy D. was an excellent and kind-hearted young woman of 28, while the fair Bertha was 22. Having failed in her own person in cementing altered and stop where you the bonds of union between American Haven't you fought enough people and democracy and British aristocracy, Mrs. Domboy D. was determined to make of her sister a Viscountess in esse and Countess in posse. Domboy was not present in Egypt, being busily employed at his usual avocation of making up cream of tartar into paking powder at Boston, Mass. Who s there who has not heard of Domboy's D. Potterson's famous New England baking powder?

Strange to relate, after having at first but the next moment checked the avoided the two American women, to the extent of being rude. Rothiemay ound himself gradually succumbing to ing," he said, "and that's what er was so deliciously open about her self would be the last woman in intentions that there was no question world to wish me to stay behind. the Continent, and had learned Euro- been as much chums as two per

Lady Evelyn liked the pair, and the nore so as she saw that they did that which she wished, namely, stirred up

Bertha was more modest than her of appearing to be absolutely careless as her sister to marry her to him, enough already, and I do really of his wife's proceedings; while Lady but she much appreciated the honor it when I say that I wish people Delavine represented herself in the upon the first occasion when she in-"Certainly, if you will drop that ac- double light of une femme incomprise duced him to take her shopping to the be very sorry if you never can Khan Khalili Bazaar. With these good to drive me about any more. And people, just because they were so open now that I have had my little say, and the Gyppies. Oh! I wish I were not maid, whom she had dismissed unpaid and un-English, Reginald intimate, a very foolish one of course, for I can't when an event occurred which caused a change in his plans: that is to say, ting the command of that nice regiif a man can be said to have plans ment with the band that always plays who never wants to do anything in the same tune. And there's my hand

One day, when Lady Evelyn was in her salon in the hotel, Colonel De Clin- stood you all the time," replied De tone was announced. "Lady Evelyn," Clintone quietly. And the friends fectionate letter from Sir John to his he said, "will you come out for a drive clasped hands, after which the gallan wife, saying that, as they would both with me? I want to take you to see goldier shook the reins, and his hors be wanting a lot of money to go to the woolly camels; in addition to resumed its trot. Monte Carlo in the winter, she "had which, I have something particular to

"Oh! you dear man!" replied Lady you have something else to tell me, If he is getting restive, turn Evelyn, and went at once to put her first I want to say that I hope that Gwendoline on to him and cool down things on. She soon came down with you and Sir Herbert are anywhere yourself," continued this cynical mis- a little sketch book in her hand, and each other in the horrid battle-for attentive to you as he ought to be his Egyptian uniform and red tar- the least know how men take care lately and demurred about paying boosh or fez. Very smart also was his each other in battles; but you'll Madame Louise. As there is not a dogcart, with a gold-waistcoated syce won't you?" prettier girl in London, surely we might standing at the horse's head. They contrive to make him marry her. You soon started, the syce running in front Evelyn." can easily work upon the young idiot. and roaring: "Oa! Yameenak, Shimaby telling him that the girl has been lak," as he waved his long white wand know what he'll do without me breaking her heart about him and that and the long blue tassel of his fez after him; he's always catching you cannot bear to see her miserable, streamed in the breeze behind. For colds, and things, and I dare so intend to retire in her favor, espe- such was the absence of all rules of do too? You must both of stuff will do, but it must be done parts of the city, all persons of dismarries him, we will be able to keep sengers, donkey riders, or other obyou would be rather stumped over the all the money in the family. As you structive people, such as camel drivers, are sick of him, this will be a capital to get out of the way. Owing to the endless shouting of the syce, and that This Gwendoline was a daughter of of other people's syces, it was not the quieter young, and the letter, which was two sation became possible. Then, as the months old, explained much which had animation of the scene became lessenbeen both a trouble and a puzzle to the ed, the syce was taken up behind, and been working beautifully. Rothiemay of Abbasiyeh, where the woolly gun-

you; in fact, two bits of news. The since he had been so long in the dead, he would have insisted upon a Sirdar, a K. C. B., and a Lieutenant- and active girl until dinner time brings been hitherto bounded by that same may threw himself back on the cush- may with the Delavine family had ter- ly a Brigadier-General, getting the turn will help to make me in the fore Viscount Rothiemay's father sucsolutely no use in the world—to mythe first time took notice of his feathrashing to Sir John, just outside the regiment—vaweek, he administered a tremendous parture leaves the command of his ceeded to the title, his grandfather had self or anybody else. I have had no tures. He observed that he was dark, gates of the Royal Yacht Squadron cant, and I am to become its Kaima-Several ladies and one gentleman, in spent everything and sold his estates. hopes, no ideals beyond amusing my-but with keen light blue eyes, and had Clubhouse. The young man had been kam or Lieutenant-Colonel, and to

snakes and creepy-crawly things only last night that I thought it positively idiotic, the way all you want to be always shooting for I know he has pestered the Ge as he calls it, once more. But he's prosaic; when I said that if the De vishes did kill each other, or peop who interfere with them, they quite right to do so, as it was the religion and they should be left alone he got quite angry and said women din't understand things, and went off in a huff. But I thought you m sensible; you had a nice quiet billet the War Office, plenty of cigarettes

smoke, and coffee, and things, drink all the time, and me to be kind o and drive about and show sights to think it very unwise, and unkind you too, to give up these quiet and sensible occupations to get yoursel made a Kaimakam, and things, just hurt a lot of poor naked wretches w probably don't enjoy life very much a it is. Couldn't you manage to get been brave, and things, quite enough already for the Sirdar mind if you explained matters to nicely, and said that you would someone else to have a chance time?-Rothiemay, for instance; would do him heaps of good."

As Lady Evelyn looked up at whimiscally, De Clintone pulled up h horse to a walk. He looked at first as if he were going to burst out laugh clination.

"I know-you're sorry that I'm mean by all your nonsense about creepy-crawly things; but you

'True, a new mistress now I chase The first foe in the field; And with a stronger faith embrace A sword, a horse, a shield. Yet this inconstancy is such As you too shall adore;

could not love thee, dear, so much

Loved I not honor more.' "Oh! I wish you wouldn't quote poery and make things worse," Lady Evelyn. "I always feel miserable and inclined to cry when people qu poetry at me just to prove that I am the wrong. For of course I am in wrong, and I shouldn't really want Dervishes, and things, to be killed: you know it and take advantage of you to want to go on being b stop killing each other, and I help it. I do congratulate you on get

"Thank you, Lady Evelyn; I under

"By the bye," added Lady Evely presently, "I have not forgotten t

"Most assuredly I will try, Lac

"Poor oid Herbert! I'm sure I you catch cold you can help es

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(From Sature During the last men have directed considerable degree coveries in what Telkwa country, a coast section of which is believed other districts an rich resources. T true of the coal development of amount of money Readers of the Ti interested in the fo a preliminary repo of the geological s The problem of

areas in this distr. difficulty. The exce of the coal-bearing consequent failure resulted in their from the higher isolated patches i leys. The total formation being s excess of 300 feet faulting being co volcanic rocks occ the area, the coal to a certain exten cropping in variou Pelkwa river by the action of fa eral instances cr

of a denuded antic The only natural found in the creek places where the through the heavy the wide terraced the creeks no expo ed for until the high ed, and these are in of volcanic rocks, variably masked b will, therefore, coal areas is proved

There are, at pres ies holding coal loca borhood, all of whi prospecting of a d The Cassiar Co property lies in pa large tributary of southwest, have str This coal should fuel as it is fairly much loss in slack

The strata here are ly at low angles

parently not suited t

A short distance ings, in a high cut probably the same in this case, it ar upper seams have t their place thin slaggy material neighboring shales fourth seam overly at the top of the about two feet of roof was seen, the material being the terrace. It does i that the burning large area here as sign of it higher though a couple o creek a similar oc These exposures g

ably the best section strata being uncov creek bed and the but it is by no mea Several other small were seen on the pro other work of any To the north and v

erty a number of loc the Kitimat Deve surface stripping at Mud creeks, a bran from the southwest, and on the Telkwa above the mouth o coal has been expo the streams; severa uncovered of a natu those of the Cassiar all cases are subje elsewhere in the flel The coal lands of t tal Development Syn on Goat creek above siar Coal Company. season two prospec been driven and a sh intention of proving and condition of point. At the time o No. 1 tunnel had be tance of eighty-five strike of the measur

lipping at about third