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"Yes," said the Englishman, "yes, go

You will have to have me carried most of the way. I am weak devilish weak, and I am wram of dying, but I know the way there, and no other man can say as much 't is in my head here; it squad of men to bring down the crop is not written down. It is only in my under escert?" written down. It is only in my head, and no one can get it out of there."

fined voice-"no no one can get it out. Come, let us turn in. Tomorrow I will

CHAPTER VIII.

was accomplished to let each man go land up there." his way. A month later Victor Durnovo pacities for organization were developing very quickly.

There was plenty of work for each to do. In Africa Meredith had undertaken to get together men and boats, while Durnovo went home to Europe for a threefold purpose. First, a visit to Europe was absolutely necessary for his health, shattered as it was by too long a sojourn in the fever ridden river beds of the west coast. Secondly, there were rifles, ammunition and stores to be purchased and packed in suitable cases. And, lastly, he was to find and enlist the third man, "the

soldierly fellow, full of fight," who knew the natives and the country. This, indeed, was his first care on reaching London, and before his eyes and brain were accustomed to the roar of the street life he took a cab to Russell square, giving the number affixed to the door of a gloomy house in the least frequented corner of the

stately quadrangle. "Is Mr. Guy Oscard at home?" he

Oscard came forward and abook bands. His manner was not exactly effusive. The truth was that their ac-quaintanceship in Africa had been of the slightest, dating from some trivial services which Durnovo had been able and very eager to render to the sports-

man.
"I'm all right, thanks," replied Durnovq "" hort landed at Liverpool yesterday. I'm home on business. I'm
buying rifles and stores."

Guy Oscard's honest face lighted up
at once the curse of Ishmael was on
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at once—the curse of Ishmael was an him in its full force. He was destined to be a wanderer on God's earth, and all things appertaining to the wild life of the forests ware music in his para. Durnovo was no mean diplainatist. He had tearned to know man within a white or colored skin. The effect of his word was patent to him.

"You remember the similacine?" he "You remember the simiacine?" he said abruptly.

"I've found it."

"Really," she went on "I think been on its track. That has been my little game all the time. I did not tell little game all the time. I did not tell should be able to manage a boat in time, don't you think so? Please en I was afraid I should never find it courage me. I am sure I have tried to and because I wanted to you think so? and because I wanted to keep quiet learn." much," he answered; "but I have."
"What have you learned?" she asked

window across to the dull houses and chimneys that formed his horizon, and

in his eyes there was the longing for a vaster horizon, a larger life.

"I have got a partner," couthqued Durnovo, "a good man, Jack Meredith, son lof Sir John Meredith. You have perhaps, met him."

"No," answered Oscard, "but 1 have med She could be some and J have med She heard his name, and I have met Sh

John, the father, once or twice." "He is out there," went on Durnove getting things together quietly. nave come home to buy rifles, ammuni tion and stores."

"We want to know," he said quietly, if you will organize and lead the ighting men."
Guy Oscard drew a deep breath,

"Then there is to be fighting?"
"Yes," said Durnovo; "there will be ighting. We must fight our way there and we must hold it when we get there. But so far as the world is concerned, we are only a private expeyou will have to take great care of me, dition exploring the source of the

Ogowe?" and again Guy Osard's eyes lighted up. "Yes. I do not mind telling you that

much. To begin with, I trust you. Secondly, no one could get there with-"How long will it take?" asked Guy. Durnovo tugged at his strange, curtalu-like mustache. His mouth was

nidden. It was quite impossible to divine his thoughts. "Three months to get there," he an swered at length, "one month to pick

the leaf, and then you can bring the first crop down to the coast and home, while Meredith and I stay on at the

"Certainly. We thought that you might work the sale of the stuff in vhen the thing is in swing, Meredith will come home. We can safely leave the cultivation in native hands when once we have established ourselves up there and made ourselves respected among the tribes."

"I suppose," Guy said after a pause "Yes; Meredith and I have talked that over. The plan we fixed upon was that you and be each put a thousand pounds into it; I put five hundred. For the first two years we share the profits equally. After that we must ome to some fresh arrangement should active part in the affair. I presume you would not object to coming up at under escort?"

"No," responded Oscard after a moment's reflection. "I should be able to

"I reckon," continued the other, "that the journey down could be accomplishgo down the river with you. I will ed in two months, and each time you turn back, and we can talk it over as do the trip you will reduce your time."

"Of course," Durnovo went on, with the details which he knew were music in Oscard's ears-"of course we shall was to euter into a partner- be a clumsy party going up. We shall ship with Victor Durnovo, have heavy loads of provisions, ammunition and seeds for cultivating the

"Yes," replied Guy Oscard absently. was in London. He left behind him In his ears there rang already the in Africa Jack Meredith, whose ca- steady plash of the paddle, the weird melancholy song of the boatman, the of the wind amid the forest

Durnovo rose briskly. "Then," he said, "you will foin us? I may telegraph out to Meredith that

you will join us?" "Yes," replied Oscard simply. may do that." There is no time to be lost," Durnove went on. "Every moment wasted adds to the risk of our being superseded. I sail for Loango in a fortnight Will you come with me?"

"Yes." When Durnovo had gone Guy sat down and wrote to Lady Cantourne accepting her invitation to spend a few days at Cantourne Place, on the Solent, He explained that his visit would be in the nature of a farewell, as he was about to leave for Africa for a little big

Miss Millicent Chyne was walking on the sea wall at the and of the garden with dry Cooked. One of the neces-sary acquirements of a modern educa-tional outfit is the power of looking perfectly at home in a score of different costumes during the year, and, needless to say, Miss Chyne was perfectly finished in this art. The manne fectly finished in this art. The manner in which she wore her sallor hat, her blue serge and her neat brown shoot conveyed to the onloce, and especially the male of that species (we cannot in conscience call them observers), the impression that she was a yacktawoman born and bred. Her delicate complexion was enhanced by the falut-est suspicion of sunburn and a few exceedingly becoming freckles. There was a freedom in her movements which had not been observed in London draw-ing rooms. This was Diana like and in nerfect keeping with the dainty sailor outst; moreover, aims men out of ten would full to attribute the difference to

sundry cuming strings within the (Lon-"It is sad." Millicent was saying "to think that we shall have no more chances of sailing. The wind has quite dropped, that horrid tide is running.

and this is your last day." She ended with a little laugh, knowing full well that there was little sentiThe Great Failure.

creditors of the fit-emened James pany, would not encourage the hope of mother exposition next year.

Government loan to expose the fit of the olic attention caned to the lairof an enverprise of which so much as expected. No exposition eye, and on this continent was so well attend in theory, and so utterly screening in practice, as the James own Torcentennial. The great forld's during the Chicago was the ommembration of the urst Eughs...
agus community on this contient; but the Chicago fair was an periment, and had to conquer at

stern prejudice against all thing onnected with the great western actropolis. The Jamestown Exporting this loanued on an event the leeds up beginning to make its lire stable appeal to the imagination overy Engine speaking perion in our Pengins speaking perion in our America. Yet this exposition She rose hastily and turned away from him. There was in her heart sudden feeling of regret. It was the sometimes has when some majestic monarch of the forest falls before his merciless rifle—a sudden passing desire that it might be undone. "Why not?" he asked. He was des-perately in earnest, and that which e Canadian national

made him a good sportsman—an un-matched big game hunter, calm and self possessed in any strait—gave hima strange deliberation now, which Millicent Chyne could not understand. "I do not know - because you mustn't."

And in her heart she wanted him to say it again. "I am not ashamed of it," he said, "and I do not see why I should not say

It to you-or to any one else, so far as that goes." "No, never!" she cried, really fright-

"That I love you," he answered

nouncing the fact with a deliberate

"I was not sure of it before, so

ened. "To me it does not matter so much. But to no one else no, never! Aunt Marian must not know it-nor Sir "I cannot see that it is any busines of Sir John's. Of course, Lady Can-

tourne would have liked you to marr, a title; but if you cared for me she would be ready to listen to reason." In which judgment of the good lady he was no doubt right, especially i. reason spoke with the voice of £3,000 per annum.

"Do you care for me?" he asked oming a little closer. There was a whole world of gratified vanity and ungratified curiosity for her in the presence of this strong mai at her elbow. It was one of the su preme triumphs of her life, because h was different from the rest. He wa for her what his first tiger had bee for him. The danger that he migh come still nearer had for her a sense of keen pleasure. She was thoroughly enjoying herself, and the nearest ap proach that men can experience to the joy that was hers is the joy of battle.

cannot answer that-not now." And the little half shrinking gland enruest, and he was, above all,

"Then when," he asked, "when will von answer me? She stood with her back turned to ward him, looking out over the smooth waters of the Solent, where one or two yachts and a heavy black schooner were creeping up on the tide before the morning breeze. She drummed reflectively with ner fingers on the low stone wall. Beneath them a few gulls whirled and screamed over a shoal of

singular cry, as if it were laughing to "You said just now," Millicent answered at length, "that you were succeeded it seems, for thousands passengers, tired of waiting for c therefore you cannot expect me to on the cheaper line, paid the

knew all at once." "You should know at once," he argued gravely, "if it were going to be 'no.' If you do not say 'no' now, I can only think that it may be 'yes' some day. And"-he came closer; he conveniently near-"and I den't want you to say 'no' now. Don't say 'no!' will wait as long as you like for 'yes.' Millicent, I would rather go on work of destruction by their exhorb-walting and thinking that it is going itant charges in the first few days of to be 'yes,' even if it is 'no' after all." She said nothing, but she left her

band in his. "May I go on thinking that it will be 'yes' until I come back?" "I cannot prevent your thinking, can

she whispered, with a tender look in her eyes. "May I write to you?" She shook her head. "Well-I-I- Now and then," he pleaded. "Not often. Just to remind you of my existence."

She gave a little laugh, which he liked exceedingly and remembered afterward. "If you like," she answered. At this moment Lady Cantourne's voice was heard in the distance call-

ing them. "There" exclaimed Millicent. "We must go at once. And no one-no one, mind-must know of this.' "No one shall know of it," he an-

CHAPTER IX. HOSE who for their sins have been to Logue will scarcely care to have its beauties reas have not visited the spot one can only carnestly recommend a careful

Suffice it to say, therefore, that there is such a place, and the curious may find it marked in larger type than it deserves on the man of Africa, on the west coast of that country and within

an inch or so of the equator.
"This is not cheery." Jack Meredith observed to his servant as they found themselves deposited on the beach within a stone's throw of the French.

(To be continued.)

orth America. Yet this exposition which a millions of dollars were 9,560,000 in debt. \$900. on is owed to the United State

A post mortem on the Jamestow air reveals the fact that its fath ay, when the visiting dignitaries and the representatives of the news apers were so discourteously upidly handled. But in construct on and conception the Exposition vas magnificent. It covered 400 ac ery place where the Monitor and the ferrimac fought. The architectur the gardening and the building re said to surpass any other Amer ean Exposition. Anchored within iew of the grounds were several war hips whose business it was to enter

ain and thrill the visitors. Man oted military organizations gave ealistic sham battles, and performe ther warlike manoeuvres. Airships alled and collapsed overhead; fam us ethletes contended on track an eld; and on paper, there seemed n ossibility of the public stayia way) from the attractions. But apart from the mismanagement of inauguration day the Ex osition had many a misfortune t omplain about. In the first place he Government loan was long de ayed. The work had to be done with lation and materials at a very ligh price. April, May and Junupplied the worst kind of exhibition weather and the iamous Government iers, advertised as the crowning at raction, were not ready for dedicat per. To these misfortunes were ad led a row over the management of

the coterprise. Several gentleman contended for a sort of dedicatorship ver the exposition, the final master urning up in a politician. The avgrage day attendance was from three to five thousand, the biggest day 50,000 and the daily expenses \$5,000. The focal newspapers, with misulided patriotism, kept on boomin the fair, and insisted that it was remendous success; but the outside papers, whose reports really counted saw fit to criticize unsparingly. They insisted that the exposition was failure, and their readers stayed away. The transportation at Jame stown was miserable. They assisted in the failure. The Norfolk an Portsinguth Traction Co, owned by Richmond, New York and Philadel trolley lines running to the groun The fare by the Ocean View rout was 15 cents straight, by Pine Beach way the company sold tickets six little fish. One of the birds had a The service on the cheaper line was execrable, it appearing that the tro traffic to the 15 cent line. passengers, tired of waiting for cars

View route. The schedules of the exservice slow, with the result that many of them quit early in the game their backers losing thousands of took the hand that hung at her side. tocal, and the old town of Norlolk has been hit harder than perhaps ev

er in her history.

The hotels nobly assisted in the the fair; and though later on reduced their rates, the indignan howl had gone forth all over th on till last Saturday night, who the gates and doors were locked. s suggested that it might re-one

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