

Author of "By a Hair's Breadth," "The Duke Decides," "A Race with Ruin," Etc., Etc. "And some that smile have in their hearts, I fear, millions of mischief."-Julius Caesar, Act IV., Scene i.

(Continued.)

casual bystanders, I believe, he was the chivalrous old gentleman and the distinguished statesman being patter-nally civil to a girl not socially his equal, but whom it was his whint to befriend. But it was all done very cleverly, almost in dumb show, with-out gush. Contenses Conten

nice maid at Marske Hall, had been ing it hardly worth while to split cuddy," replied Belcher roughly, but told about me, so I have wondered such a straw as that. What did it still with that curious perfunctoriness what reason the powdered coachman matter to me how she was described, of tone suggesting the playing of a How long I lay unconscious I know what reason the powdered coachman matter to the new will be obtained on her? and the elegant footman had been so long as the proofs of Arthur's in-perfectly learned. I ought to have my first sensation was that of mo-perfectly learned. I ought to have tion. I was lying down, and the write us as follows:—"I was troubl-rope next June and July.

pearance at their master's house and to that long drive. I have never been able to ascertain. "You will find some place where you can rest and bait the horses, Capps. I may be an hour-possibly thaded, turning to me with a little tatchy laugh, "we will go and search for this wonderful vessel." We will go on board at once," said Sir Gideon curtly, and, suiting the action to the word, he crossed the plank connecting the dock with a short, strongly-built man, wearing for this wonderful vessel." We will go on board at once," said Sir Gideon curtly, and, suiting the action to the word, he crossed the plank connecting the dock with a short, strongly-built man, wearing for this wonderful vessel." We will go on board at once," Simpson the atamisted band, but for this wonderful vessel." for this wonderful vessel.'

Having proceeded so far in my task I was not going to turn back was ever looked upon-a quite as deeply implicated as his son bration was caused by the pulsing of high office, there was the overthrow

We traversed several of the quays. Sir Gideon Marske," he said. "The bloke that taxes us? Come my companion scrutinising the bows of each vessel as we passed, and then to think of it, I've seen your ugly with an impatient gesture, he stop-ped and spoke to one of the dock of-ficials. "Can you tell me," he said, where sea I'd ropes-end you, and, by C-I shall find a steamship called the Nightshade?"

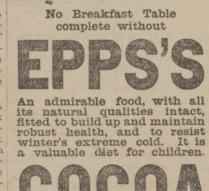
"Next turning to the left-second "I am here at the instance of Berth in Number 2 Basin," the man Mr. Danvers Crane, whom I think replied. Sir Gideon mumbled his you know," said Sir Gideon, preservthanks and was hurrying on, but the ing his temper so completely that pficial called after him the gratuit- somehow I gained the impression pus information: "Her skipper has that a false note rang in these ex-applied for his papers. She clears changes. It was like the premature this evening, unexpected, I've heard.' playing of a poorly rehearsed com-Sir Gideon did not appreciate this edy.

communicativeness, for he growled The man in the amphibious gar-comething about "meddlesome fel- ments placed a great fleshy forefinger low," and directed my attention into to his sensual lips, and affected to new channel by requesting me to consider. "Ah," he ejaculated. "Cir-

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look out for the name of the vessel. cumstances alter cases. It was past noon when the hand- Like so many of the apparent trifles Mr. Danvers Crane-right as Moses.

Just as I have wondered what that crepancy, but I checked myself, deem- in it, you'd better step down into the





grimed skylight. On each side were the doors of three sleeping berths. MILBURNS'

The atmosphere reeked with the odours of rank tobacco, fiery spirits, greasy meat, and damp clothes. So much I had been able to observe when Sir Gideon, who had preceded me down the stairs, cleared his throat and glanced a little nervously at Belcher.

The-er-air is rather oppressive down here, captain," he said. "And the discussion upon which you will enter with this lady would be painful to me. I think I should prefer to return to the deck.till-till I remember have finished the-er-negotiations." "Right you are, governor. The

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CHAPTER XXVI.

### "Sealed Orders."

out of the chart-room under the If I had known then, as I do Nightshade and that the Nightshade

Roger Marske

How I regretted not having trusted could have wasted very little time in the instinct which, the moment I upbraiding. Having ascertained from crossed the threshold of the library Roger the one paramount fact of his at Marske Hall, had bidden me be-guilt, he must have at once faced the ware of Sir Gideon. Apart from the problem of how to silence me. He danger-signal in his sombre eyes and knew well that if he returned to me hawk-like features, I might have with an indignant denial I should known that no good man could have take my information elsewhere. bred a Roger Marske. I saw too admit the accusation, feign the deep-clearly how I had under-estimated est concern for his sop's impending the enormous catastrophe to one in fate, and keep me in his power with Sir Gideon's position that I repre-promises of assistance on the mor-sented. There was more than pater-row, was the only course open to nal affection and family pride at him. stake here. There was the loss of

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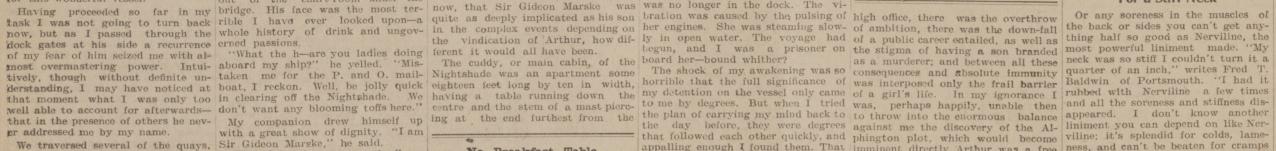
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steady throb of the steamer's screw sounded live a death knell, for I I could picture to myself now, so yourself. Price 25c. guessed all too surely that I was the victim of a deliberate plot to get me out of the way of launching ruin on while I nibbed those treacherous bis-

cuits in the library. Sir Gideon

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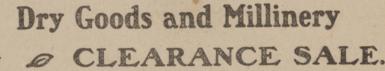
our job. Benedik—Yes, that's right. Simpson—What are you going to do or a living this winter? Benedik—My wife's father.

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