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YOLANDE. By WILLIAM BLACK

TT HOR OF "SHANDON BELLS." "MACLEOD OF DARE," "WHITE WINGS," "SUNRISE," ETC.

> (Continued.) CHAPTER XIV. A SETTLEMENT.

Next morning there was much hurry. ing to and fro on board the dahabeeyah men waiting while we discuss our ramin anticipation of the visit of the Governor ; so that Mrs. Graham had no chance of having an extended talk with her brother. Nevertheless, she managed to convey to him a few covert coming to see him at Merhadi to-morwords of information and counsel. "Archie," said she, "I have spoken convenience ?"

to Yolande-I have hinted something to her." "No !" he said, looking rather fright-

ened.

"Oh. you need not be much alarmed she said, with a significant smile. "Rather the other way. She seems quite to know how you have wished to be kind and attentive to her-quite sensible of it, in fact ; and when I hinted something-"

"She did not say 'no' outright ?" h interrupted, eagerly; and there was flush of gladness on his face.

His sister glanced around. "I thought there could be no harm I told her that Jim and I would like t have her for a sister," she answered

demurely. "And she did not say 'no' outright ?" he repeated.

and probably understood but little of "Well," Mrs. Graham said, after near her ; it was he who vas nervous what was being said. But then no one second. "I am not going to tell you and awkward in his speech. She was knew that he had spoken but hunself, anything more. It would not be fair engaged in some delicate needle-work and he strove to convince her that he It is your business, not mine. I'm ou from time to time she was chatting freewas not regarding her by entering I have intermeddled quite of it now. ly with Mrs. Graham about the recent eagerly into this conversation about the But I don't think she hates visitors and their almost European cosyou. And she seems rather pleased to False Prophet ; and though now and ume, their wonderfully small feet, and again her trouble and confusion perplex think of living in the Highlands, with ed him-along with the recollection her father having plenty of amusement "Why do you not go ashore ?" she that she had been so anxious to say there, you know; and perhaps she said, turning with frank eves to the nothing definite-still, on the whole, might be brought to consider a perman Master of Lynn. "It is so interesting triumph and rejoicing were in his ent arrangement of that kind not s to see the strange birds, the strange heart. And how beautiful she looked, undesirable ; and-and-well, you'd plants." even with the pensive face cast down better see for yourself. As I say, Jim "It is cooler on the river," said he. No wonder young Ismat had admired and I will be very glad to have her for He was wondering whether his sister her that morning : the very Englishness a sister ; and I can't say more, can 1 ? would get up and go away and leave of her appearance must have struck him She could not say more then, at al them together, and he was half afraid -the tall stature, the fine complexion, events, for at this moment Colone she would and half afraid she would the ruddy golden hair, and the clear, Graham appeared on the upper deck not. But at all events he was now re with the intelligence that the Goverproud calm., self-confident look of the solved that on the first opportunity he nor's barge was just then coming down maidenly eyes. This was a bride ht for would speak to Yolande himself. He the river. Mr. Winterbourne and Yo a home-coming at Lynn Towers ! would not trust to any go-between .lande were instantly summoned from But, alas ! Yolande's self-confidence Was it not enough that she had had seemed to have strangely forsaken her below; some further disposition some intimation made to her of his that evening. When they were all up chairs and divans was made; som wishes and hopes, and yet showed no on deck, taking their coffee in the red boxes of cigarettes were sent for ; and signs of fear at his approach. glow shed by the lanterns, she got hold presently the sound of oars alongside The mid-day went by, and he found of her father, and drew him aside into announced the arrival of the chief no chance of addressing her. His sister notables of Merhadj .. the darkness. and she sat together, and sewed and "What is it. Yolande ?" said he, in The Master of Lynn saw and heard chatted, or stopped to watch some passlittle of what followed ; he was far too surprise. ing boat, and listen to the boatmen busy with the glad and bewildering She took hold of his hand ; both hers singing a long and melancholy chorus prospect that his sister's obscure hints were trembling. to the clanking of the oars. At lunchhad placed before him. And again and "I have something to tell you, papa time Mr. Winterbourne and Colonel again he glanced at Yolande, timidly, -something serious." Graham turned up. Then in the afterand yet with an increasing wonder. Then he knew, and for a moment his noon the whole of them got into a boat. He began to ask himself whether it was heart sank ; but he maintained a gay and were rowed away to a long and flat really true that his sister had spoken to demeanor. Had he not reasoned the and sandy island on the other side of whole matter out with himself? He her. The girl betrayed no conscious the Nile, which they explored in had foreseen this crisis ; he had nerved embarrassment; she had ness, no leisurely way; and then back again to greeted him on that morning just as himself by anticipation. the dahabeeyah for a draught of cold "Oh, I knos-I know already, other mornings; at this moment she tea in the welcome shade of the awning. Yolande," said he, very cheerfully. was regarding the arrival of those grave It was not until near the end of the officials with an interest which seemed ' Do you think I can't spy secrets? day that the long-looked-for opportunquite oblivious of his presence. As fo And of course you come to me, with ity arrived; indeed, nearly every one him, he looked on impatiently. He your hands trembling, and you think had gone below to get ready for dinner; wished it was all over. He wished to you have something dreadful to confess. but Yolande had lingered above to have some private speech with her, to whereas it is nothing but the most watch the coming over of the twilight. have some inquiry of her eyes-surely ordinary and commonplace thing in the Itawas a strange enough sight in its her eyes would make some tell-tale conworld. You need not make any conway. For after the yellow color had fession? And in a vague kind of way fession. Young Leslie has spoken to died out of the bank of bearded corn he grew to think that the Governor's Quite right-very right ; I like me. above the river's edge, and while the frankness. I consider him a very fine son, Ismat Effendi, who was acting as strip of acacia-trees over that again had interpreter, and who spoke English young fellow. Now what have you got grown solemn and dark against the to say ? Only I won't listen if you are excellently, addressed a little too much clear, pallid, blue-gray sky of the south. going to make a fuss about it, and of the conversation to the two ladies. far away in the northwestern heavens Moreover, it was all very well for him. destroy my nervous system, for I tell there still lingered a glow of warmer on coming on board, to shake hands you it is the simplest and most ordinary light, and a few clouds high up had with Mrs. Graham, for he had known affair in the world." caught a saffron tinge from the sinking her in India, but why with Yolande? "Then you know everything-you sun. It seemed as if they here were The Governor-a corpulent and salapprove of it, papa--it is your wish?" shut in with the dark, while far away low-faced old gentleman who looked she said, bravely. in the north, over the Surrey lanes.and like a huge frog-and his companions "My wish?" he said. "What has my up among the Westmoreland waters, wish to do with it, you stupid creature!" sat in solemn state, while young Ismat, and out amid the distant Hebridean with much grace of manner and remark-But then he added, more gently: "Of isles, the summer evening was still fair ably eloquent eyes, hoped that the and shining. It led one to dream of course you know, Yolande, I should visitors were comfortable on board the ike to see you married and settled. The imagination took wings. home. dahabeeyah, and so forth. He was a Yes, I should like to see that; I should It was pleasant to think of those well-dressed young gentleman; his like to see you in a fixed home, and not beautiful and glowing scenes, here black frock-coat, white waistcoat, and liable to all the changes and chances of where the gloom of the silent desert red tarboosh were all of the newest and the life that you and I have been living. was gathering all around. smartest, and his singularly small feet It would be a great relief to my mind. She was standing by the rail of the were incased in boots of brilliant polish. And then it is natural and right. It is deck; and when the others had gone The Master of Lynn considered him a not for a young girl to be a rolling stone he quietly went over to her, and began coxcomb, and also a Frenchified semilike that; and, besides, it couldn't last : talking to her-about the Highlands theatrical coxcomb. But the womenthat idea about our always going on mostly, and of the long clear twilights folk liked his pleasant manners and his travelling wouldn't answer. So whenthere, and how he hoped she would ever you think of marrying, whenev r speaking eyes; and when he said that accept his sister's invitation to go back you think you will be happy in choosing he had never been to England, but inhome with them when they returned to tended to go the next year, Mrs. Gra- England. And when she said some a husband-just now, 'o-morrow, or ham made him definitely promise that thing very pretty about the kindness of any time-don't come to me with a breathless voice, and with trembling he would pay them a visit at Inverall of them to her, he spoke a little hands, as if you had done some wrong, stroy. more warmly, and asked if there was "And Miss Winterbourne," said the or as if I was going to object, for to see any wonder. People got to know one young gentleman with the swarthy face you happy would be happiness enough another intimately through a constant and the brilliant white teeth, "does she companionship like this, and got to for me ; and as for our society together live in Scotland also ?" well, you know, I could pay the people know and admire and love beautiful "Well, no," said Mrs. Graham, qualities of disposition and mind. of Slagpool a little more attention, and placidly; "but I hope you will find her | And then he told her it would not be have some more occupation that way there when you come. We want her honest if he did not confess to her that and then you, instead of having an old and frail and feeble person like me to to go back with us when we go back; he was aware that his sister had spoken and if she likes her first visit, perhaps | to her-it was best to be frank ; and he take care of you, you would have one whose years would make him a fitter she will come again. I hope you will knew she was so kind she would not be companion for you, as is quite right find her with us." angry if there had been any indiscreand proper and natural. And now do "And I also, madam, hope to have tion ; and he begged for her forgiveness you understand ?" the felicity of the visit that you pro- if she had been in any way offended. pose," said he, "if politics will permit He spoke in a very frank and manly "Oh yes, I think so, papa," said she quite brightly ; and she regarded him way; and she let him speak, for she me." with grateful and loving eyes. "And was quite incapable of saying anything. He directed an inquiring and rather you would have ever so much more Her fingers were working nervously curious glance at Colonel Graham. time for Parliament, would you not ?" with a small pocket-book she held, and "You did not hear anything very re. she had turned partly away, dreading "Assuredly." markable in Cairo, sir?" "And you would come to see me to lift her eyes, and yet unable to go "Well, nothing remarkable," said the until she had answered him somehow. sometimes ; and go shooting and fishstout soldier. "Lots of rumors. Aling; and take a real holiday-not in Then she managed to say, rather hurways plenty of that in politics. Mostly towns and hotels ?" riedly and breathlessly :

"I should get the London newspapers, not now. You have always been so "It will be too charming for me. yes? Quite easily? Do you know. kind to me that I ask it from you-" Perhaps your dragoman does not know papa, what Colonel Graham believes ?-She stole away in the gathering darkthe district as well as I. Do you perthat they are going to take one of the ness, her head bent down : she had not mit me ? Shall I come to-morrow with extreme Liberals into the Ministry, to once turned her eyes to his. And he everything prepared ?"

And indeed at dinner there was no

longer any of that happy serenity of

manner on her part that had so puzzled

him before. Her self-consciousness and

embarrassment were so great as to be

almost painful to witness. She never

lifted her eyes : she ate and drank

next to nothing ; when she pretended

to be listening to Ismat Effendi's de-

please the northern towns." "Look here, Mr. Ismat," said Col. remained there for a time, scarcely Graham, "you'd better come along and knowing what he had said or what she "But what has that got to do with had answered, but vaguely and happily you, child ?" said he, with a laugh. dine with us this evening ; then we can conscious that she had not, at all events, "Very likely they may. But you talk it over. In the meantime we can't didn't bring me over here to talk polikeep your father and the other gentle- refused him. Was it not much? He

was harrassed by all kinds of doubts. tics ? "But even if you were in the Gov bles. Will you please tell his Excel- surmises, hesitations ; but surely preernment, papa, you would have your lency once more how much obliged we vailing over these was a buoyant hope. are, and honored by his visit, and that a touch of triumph even. He would holiday-time all the same," she said we will do ourselves the pleasure of fain have gone away for a long stroll in thoughtfully.

the dusk to have reasoned out his hopes "I a member of the Government row, if that will suit his Excellency's and guesses with himself ; but here was said he. "You may as well expect to dinner-time approaching, and young hear of me being sent to arrest the This was the final arrangement-that Ismat was coming ; and he-that is, False Prophet in the Soudan. Come the Master of Lynn-began to have the away, then, Yolande ; your secret is consciousness that Yolande in a measure not a secret : so you need not trouble belonged to him, and that he must be about it; and now that I have expound there. He went down the steps with a ed my views on the situation, you may light and a proud heart. Yolande was as well go and call to Ahmed that I his, he almost felt assured. How want another cup of coffee." should she regard him when next they And then he hesitated.

> "You have not said yes or no yet, Yolande ?" "Oh no: how could I, until I knew what you might think ?" said she, and

she regarded him now with frank and unclouded eyes. "How could I? It might not have been agreeable to your wishes. But I was told that you would approve. At first-well, it is a sudden thing to give up visions you have form-

scriptions of the troubles in the Soudan, ed ; but when you see it is not practiany one who knew must have seen that cable and reasonable, what is it but a she was a quite perfunctory listener, small struggle? No; other plans present themselves. Oh yes, I have much to think of now that looks very pleasant to anticipate. Very much to look forward to-to hope for."

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which seemed to please him highly.

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was seated in the stern of the barge, and

the big oars were once more at work.

The dahabeeyah returned to its normal

state of silence ; the little party of

Europeans were left again to their own

society ; and the Master of Lynn, a

little anxious and excited, and almost

fearing to meet Yolande's eyes, and yet

drawn toward her neighborhood by a

secret spell, declined to go ashore with

the other two gentlemen, and remained

with his sister and Yolande in the Bel-

vedere, in the cool shade of the canvas

No, she betrayed not the slightest

embarrassment at his sitting thus quite

awning.

met ?

laughter, you will do pretty well. They went back to their friends, their absence scarcely having been noticed. or Ismat Effendi was a fluent and ineresting talker. And whether Mr. Winterbourne had been playing a part or not in his interview with Yolande, that cheerfulness of his soon left him. He sat somewhat apart, and silent ; his eves were fixed on the deck ; he was not listening. Yolande herself brought him the coffee; and she put her hand on his shoulder, and stood by him : then he brightened up somewhat. But he was thoughtful and distraught for the whole of the evening, except when he happened to be spoken to by Yo lande, and then he would summon up some of his customary humor, and petulantly complain about her un-

English idioms.

Aud she? Her anxiety and nervousness seemed to have vanished. It is true, she rather avoided the Master of Lynn, and rarely ventured to look in his direction, but she was in good spirits, cheerful, practical, self-possessed : and when Ismat Effendi, on going away, apologized to her for having talked tedious politics all the evening, she said, with a charming smile :

"No, not at all. How can politics be tedious? Ah ! but we will have our revenge, perhaps, in Scotland. Mrs. Graham says that in their house it is nothing but deer that is talked of all the evening. That will not interest

" I shall rejoice to be allowed to try, said the police young Egyptian ; and then he shook hands with her, and bowed very low, and left.

During the rest of the evening the Master of Lynn, seeing that Yolande seemed no longer in any trouble, kept near her, with some vague hope that she would herself speak, or that he might have some chance of re-opening the subject that engrossed his mind. And indeed, when the chance arrived, and he timidly asked her if she had not a word of hope for him, she spoke very frankly, though with some lutle nervousness, no doubt. She made a little apology, in very pretty and stammering phrases, for not having been sble to give him an answer ; but since

then, she said, she had spoken to her father, without whose approval she Flour, could not have decided.

"Then you consent, Yolande ; you will be my wife !" he said, in a low and eager voice, upsetting in his haste all the continuity of those hesitating sentences.

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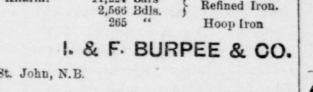
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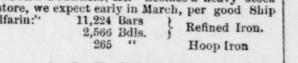
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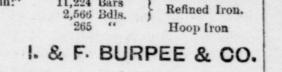
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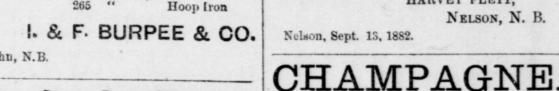
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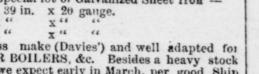








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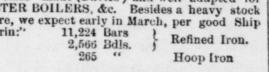


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"But to take up so much of your

"Oh no, I am not offended. Why, "Oh, don't be afraid. I will bother it is-a great honor-I-knew it was the life out of you. And there are alyour sister's kindness and frindship ways fishings and shootings to be got that made her speak to me Please let somehow.'

"And you would be quite happy, ne go away now_" He had put his hand on her arm unthen ?" "If you were, I should be," said he ;

and really this prospect pleased him so "But may I hope, Yolande? May I hope ?" he said, and he stooped down

much that his cheerfulness now was scarcely forced. "Always on this dist) listen for the faintest wo d. "I don't want you to pledge yourself altogether tinct and clear understanding," he addnow. Give me time. May 1 try to ed, that, when we are coming back win you ? Do you think some timefrom the shooting, you will come out to some time of your own choosing, as far meet us and walk back with us the ahead as you may wish-you will conlast half-mile." sent? May I hope for it? May I look "I should be dressing for dinner, papa," she said, "and just worrying

forward to it some day ? "Oh, but I can not tell you-I can my head off to think what would please

He took her hand into his, and held it tight.

This has been a lucky voyage for me," said he ; and that was all that he had a chance of saying just then ; but 150 Half Chests Tea. it was enough.

Colonel Graham heard the news that same evening. He was a man of solid and fixed ideas.

"A very good thing too," said he to his wife. "A very good thing. Now they'll take the sheep off Allt-nam-ba, and make Corrievreak the sanctuary. Nothing could have happened better. (To be continued.)

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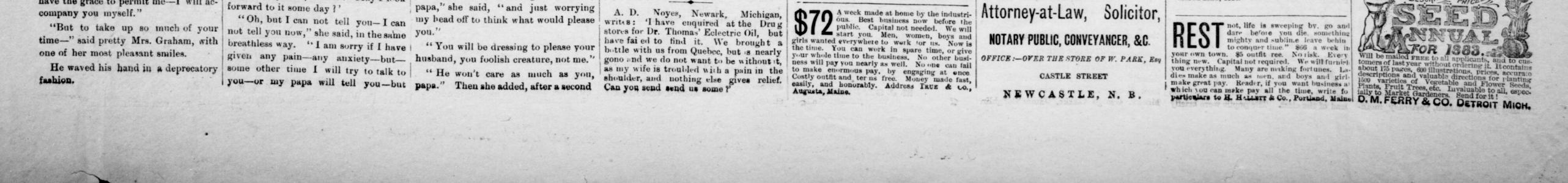
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