[BY H. RIDER HAGGARD.] CHAPTER II. "Something over a fortnight had passed since the night when I lost halfa-sovereign and found twelve hundred and fifty pounds in looking for it, and instead of that horrid hole, for which, into my mouth. after all, Eldorado was scarcely a misnomer, a very different scene stretched away before us clad in the silver robe of the moonlight We were camped-Harry and I, two Kafirs, a Scotch cart, and six oxen-on the swelling side of a great wave of bush-clad land. Just the faint light I could see that he was ble awaited us, for when at last with infiwhere we had made our camp, how- in a very great fright indeed. ever, the bush was very sparse, and only grew about in clumps, while here prepared for emergencies, I told Phar- that one of the best of them was very and there were single flat-topped mi- aoh to throw wood upon the fire, and sick. There was no mistake about the mosa-trees. To our right, a little stream, which had cut a deep channel for itself in the bosom of the slope, flowed musically on between banks | scared at first, but presently the excite- | all the difficulties connected with life green with maidenhair, wild asparagus, ment of the position came home to him and travelling in South Africa those and many beautiful grasses. The bed- and he became quite anxious to see his connected with oxen are perhaps the rock here was red granite, and in the course of many centuries of patient washing the water had hollowed out some of the huge slabs in its path into great troughs and cups, and these yet a good killing rifle, and then we mysterious disease. He will get thin we used for bathing-places. No Romwaited. an lady, with her baths of porphyry or alabaster, could have had a more delicious spot to lave herself than we had that we could do would be to go to sleep round and refuse to pull whenever he within fifty yards of our skerm or rough again, when suddenly I heard a sound finds himself well in the centre of a inclosure of mimosa thorn that we had more like a cough than a roar within river, or the wagon-wheel "icely fast in dragged together round the cart to pro-tect us from the attacks of lions, of which there were several about, as I which there were several about, as I knew from their spoor, though we had neither heard nor seen them. "It was a little nook where the eddy of the stream had washed away a mass of soil, and on the edge of it there grew a most beautiful old mimosa thorn. Beneath the thorn was a large smooth

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went every morning to bathe, and that relieve the strain on my attention emappear among the most painful.

"It was a lovely night, and Hrarry against each other. somebody with more words on the tip of his tongue than I have to describe the chastened majesty of the moenlit wilds. Away forever and forever, away to the mysterious north, rolled the great bush ocean over which the silence hung like a heavy cloud. There be-neath us a mile or more to the right rolled the wide Oliphant River, and mirror-like flashed back the moon, whose silver spears were shivered on its breast, and then tossed in twisted lines of light far and wide about the mountains and the plain. Down upon its banks grew great timber-trees that through the stilly silence pointed solemnly to Heaven, and the beauty of the night lay upon them like a dream. Everywhere was silence—silence in the the night lay upon them like a dream. Everywhere was silence—silence in the starred depths, silence in the fair bosom of the sleeping earth. Now, if ever, great thoughts might rise in a man's mind, and for a space he might lose his hittleness in the sense that he partook of the pure immensity about him. Almost might we hear the choes of angelic voices, as the spirits poised on bent and rushing pinions awent onward.

to the disselboom of the Scotch cart, that was left for us to do was to sit and were very restless-they kept snuffing wonder how it came to pass that the one and blowing, and rising up and lying should be taken and the other left, and down again, and I at once suspected to hope against, hope that our poor ser-that they must wind something. Pre- vant might have been mercifully delivsently I knew what it was that they ered from the lion's jaws. At length winded, for within fifty yards of us a the faint light came stealing like a ghost lion roared, not very loud, but quite up the long slope of bash, and glinted loud enough to make my heart come on the tangled oxen's horns, and with

white and frightened faces we got up "Pharaoh was sleeping on the othe" and set to the task of disentangling the side of the cart, and beneath it I saw oxen till such time as there should be him raise his head and listen. light enough to enable us to follow the "'Lion, Inkoos,' he wb' spered, lion.' trail of the lioness which had gone off "Jim-Jim also jumped up, and by with Jim-Jim. And here a fresh trou-"Thinking that it was as well to be less brutes loose, it was only to find

upon the slightest provocation, and from "For a long time nothing happened, mere maliciousness die of 'poverry'; and I began to think that the best thing whereas it is his chief delight to turr

Beneath the thorn was a large smooth Harry, for it is wonderful by w the ed behavior for the one in question to slab of granite fringed all round with presence of anybody to whom one is break out-on purpsse probably-with maidenhair and other ferns, that sloped gently down to a pool of the clearest sparkling water, which lay in a bowl of granite about ten feet wide by five deep in the centre. Here to this slab we went every morning to bathe, and that

delightful bath is among the most pleas-ant of my hunting reminiscences, as it wh' ch appeared to be attracted by the if this ex had red-water it was probable is also for reasons that will presently arelight, and was sitting before it that the rest of them had it too, al-| thoughtfully rubbing his antennæ though they had been sold to me as 'salted,' that is, proof against such



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to sleep, else the cats will be purring thing were soon tied in one vast heav- most awful snarl.

Pharaoh because he had an Egyptian cast of countenance and a royal sort of swagger about him. But his way was the light of the fire a kind of gleam of the light of the fire a kind of gleam of poor Jim-Jim, lying on a patch of Pharaoh because he had an Egyptian very painful fashion, a somewhat peculiar way, on account yellow travelling through the air to- blood-stained rock. of the uncertainty of his temper, and very few people could get on with him; also if he could get it he would drink also if he could get it he would drink like a fish, and when he drank he be- for it was a great gaunt lioness, half like a fish, and when he drank he be-came shockingly blood-thirsty. These were his bad points: his good ones were that, like most people of the Zulu blood, he became exceedingiy attached to you if he took to you at all; he was a hard-working and intelligent man, and about as dare-devil and plucky a fellow at a pinch as I have ever had to do with. He was about five-and-thirty years of age or so, but not a 'keshla' or ringed man. I believe that he got into trouhe was about hve-and-thirty years of age or so, but not a 'keshla' or ringed man. I believe that he got into trou-ble in some way in Swaziland, and the authorities of his tribe would not allow him to assume the ring, and that is why he came to work at the gold-fields. The other man, or rather lad Jim-Jim, way a Mapoch Kafir, or Knobnose, and even in the light of subsequent events I fear that I cannot speak very well of him. He was an idle and careless young had to tell Pharaoh to whip him for let-ting the oxen stray, which he did with the greatest gueto, although he was by way of being very fond of Jim-Jim, and I saw him consoling him afterwards with a pinch of enuff from his own ear box, whilst he explained to him that the next time it came in the way of duty to flog him, he meant to thin that him with the other hand, so as to cross the old cuts and make a 'pretty pattern' n his back. the old cuts and make a 'pretty pattern' n his back. "Well, off they went, though Jim-Jim did not at all like leaving the camp at that hour, ever though the moon-den jerk thrown his body over her back light was so bright, and in due course so that his legs hung down upon the den jerk thrown his body over her back so that his legs hung down upon the further side.\* Then, without the slightest hesitation, and apparently without any difficulty, she cleared the skerm fence at a single bound, and bearieg poor Jim-Jim with her vanished into the darkness beyond, in the dir-ection of the bathing-place that I have already described. We jumped up per-fectly mad with horror and fear, and rushed wildly after her, firing shot at hap-hazard on the chance that she would be frightened by them into dropping her prey, but nothing could we see, and for the fire, got into the skerm and went quietly to sleep withHarry by my side. "Some hours afterwards I woke up with a start. I don't know what woke me. The moon had gone down, or at

guish the white fingers of the wind playing in the tresses of the trees. "Hark ! what was that? "From far away down by the river there, comes a mighty rolling sound, then another, and another. It is the lion seeking his meat. "I saw Harry shiver and turn a little pale. He was a plucky boy enough, but the roar of a lion for the first time in the solemn bush veldt at night is apt to shake the nerves of any lad. "Lions, my boy,' I said; 'they are hunting down by the river there; but I don't think that you need make your-

ed across the skerm, landing by my side and get something to eat.

"So we went down to the beautiful nights now, and if they were going to pay us a visit I should think that they would have done so before this. How-ever, we will make up the fire.' "'Here, Pharaoh, do you and Jim-Jim get some more wood before we go

fuel from some dead trees. He was a fine fellow in his way, was Pharaoh, and I think that he had been named

visible. Also a wind had sprung up and was driving long hurrying lines of cloud across the starry sky, and alto-un. gether a great change had come over he sky I judged that we must be about "So with scared and heavy hearts we in America. Both sexes of all ages can live at to wait for daylight, which now could not be much more than an hour off. It was absolutely useless to try even to disentangle the oxen till then are the second he mood of the night. By the look of he sky I judged that we must be about disentangle the oxen till then, so all Shingle to hours from daybreak.

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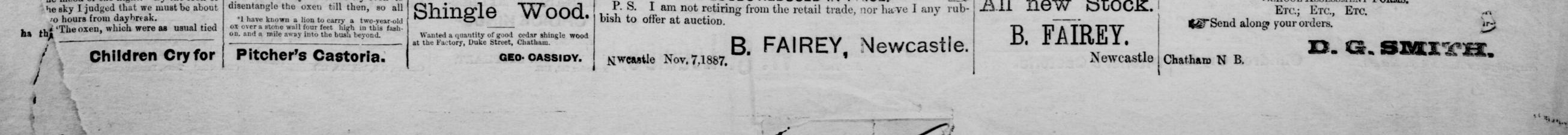
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