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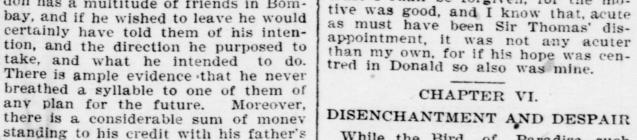
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extremely precarious and slender of cashmere shawls, cocoanuts, drugs, glass beads, and other articles of merute necessity of money to a European chandise likely to suit the cultured Mohammedan taste, I was so closely would decline to take advantage of engaged with my own concerns and this provision which had been made the urgent hospitality of Sir Thomas' friend that I paid but scant heed to circumstance that he was last seen a the men with whom I was to sail. I few hours after he must have received had a vague notion of a picturesque the banker's letter, apprising him of medley of dusky children of the sun the deposit which had been made to who would be likely in the course of the voyage to discourse of many mar-Supposing this letter was seen by vellous things and discover traits at others, would not the money be a great once new and interesting. But at sea and within the narrow confines of a might take the risk of attempting to two-master, one is impelled to take an creation are got cheap because they're secure it by getting rid of Donald, but, active individual interest in his comceeded, abandon the project ere anythe towers and spires of Bombay had one became aware of its existence? All this I reasoned with myself over and over again, and the more I reasoned the firmer became my conviction

I argued in this way: Donald Gor-

don has a multitude of friends in Bom-

He knew it had been lodged

there for his use, and considering his

he ever left the city, and he was not

I laid my conclusion before the de-

the detective, without coming on a

he had most effectually cover-

to be nothing for it but to abandor

the search, write my dismal report,

"Indeed, Mr. Kilgour," said Mr

"I have had some knowledge of

of intelligence at his friend.

wo I have a vessel starting for Jedda.

and that you are welcome to a free

trip if you choose. It will enable you

o look about, and maybe (who knows?)

you may light on something that may

after your hard work as a detective,

will, I dare say, be grateful. What to you say to that, Macdonald?"

"I think the suggestion an excellent me," answered Mr. Macdonald, "and

I thanked Mr. Matheson as I had

morrow, and going through such ag-

exhausted, and the clumsy essay in

also a sufficient reason for abandon-

To put the better face on the thing,

I fabricated a little fiction about the

diplomacy was posted, It tried to

me envy the life of an author.

the idea of perching on a stool.

Mr. Kilgour ought to go."

a very long time.

tion for a day or two.

for vourself?"

out for an opening.

ly to banking."

sunk out of sight on our weather beam I was eagerly and curiously studying my surroundings and the characters of officers and crew. that Donald Gordon must be dead. He Never have I been more swiftly or did not die in the orthodox fashion, completely disenchanted. Perhaps it | gour ?" else there would be a record of his was because I was young and foolish death, but there was no evidence that and ignorant that I had so gayly cherished illusion; perhaps it was the fine name of the brig that had given me exalted and gorgeous ideas, but I had tective, before the bankers, and some anticipated a holiday sail on sunlit others. They all said it was plausiseas in a sort of Cleopatra barge with ble. "Only," said one, "you forget companions fitly representing, if not Donald's pride. He was the proudthe pomp and magnificence, at least est man I ever knew in my life; inthe poetry and romance of the Orient. deed, he was silly in that way." And, My punishment for indulging such fanto be sure, th ere was Donald's pride tastic reveries was speedy and condign. to be taken into account. But it did The Bird of Paradise bore as much renot aid us. At the end of two months semblance to the ship of my imagina-I had exhausted my own ingenuity tion as a hedgehog bears to a leopard. and that of all my friends, including | In plain truth, she was an ill-smelling, leaky old coal bunker, with a crew single trace of Donald. If he was of the most desperate-looking villains dead, he was buried beyond hope of that ever swung from a yardarm. discovery; if he had gone away, What their past had been it required little shrewdness to guess. ed up his tracks. There seemed A glance made it clear that whatever pleasure, whatever romance there could be in sailing with the remit Sir Thomas his money, and turn dregs of Asiatic pirate crews of men, to my own concerns. My friends adwho for reasons to be comprehended by the simplest had found it expedient mitted it really was the only thing to to lay aside for a little their natural vocation of cutting throats, such pleasure and romance were mine. Naturally I was amazed to find such

Macdonald, a banker, at whose dinner table the matter was discussed. "if it were a financial speculation demen on Mr. Matheson's ship, but the pending for return of profit on the explanation came later. I had forfinding of the volatile Donald Gordon gotten that the Scotch are frugal and -who, for aught I know, has the powdid not know how Asia pours her er of making himself invisible-I am scum upon the sea. bound to confess I would have nothing My security, such as it was, lay in to do with it. It seems unquestionthe fact that among themselves there able that Mr. Donald has gone, dewas not the least evidence of good siring no further news of his friends, will. They were sullen, suspicious and and I think you are right in giving incommunicative, and in all their lives up the chase. And now that you have had probably never known what it is disposed of Sir Thomas Gordon's busito smile out of pure good nature or ness, might I ask what your plans are innocent hilarity, for their features were fixed in a perpetual scowl which I was obliged to answer that I had nothing could soften. Toward each no definite plans as yet, having been other, as toward their officers, they so absorbed in the hunt for Gordon had the sulky, defiant demeanour of that I had had no time to think of caged beasts of prey, and no doubt myself, but now I would certainly look they had a sense of imprisonment. Off duty or on, they indulged in no "As to that," said he, "there is freedom of jollity of intercourse. No stories were told; no songs were sung. desk at your disposal in the house of Macdonald, Mactavish and Macintosh

The spirit was that of a chain gang -good Scotch names, all of them, you working at the point of the bayonet will observe-any time you may feel or the muzzle of the rifle, Misforinclined to begin work. The emolutune, failure in hazardous and bloody ments will be sufficient to enable you enterprise, had brought them together, to live pending the finding of someand as yet they were not able to fraterrize. thing better should you not take kind-The officers matched the Though Captain Holden was an Eng-Highlanders," put in Mr. Matheson, one lishman, and Mr. Malcolm, the mate, of the merchant princes to whom 1 Scotch, there was nothing gracious or had a letter of introduction. "I have prepossessing in either of them. The captain was short and broad, square rigged, with a tremendous breadth of and I hardly ever saw one of them feel at home at a desk. Put a gun, beam, as a sailor would say, and his or a sword, or a tarry rope, or anysquat, burly frame had in it the thing else that means fresh air and muscular strength and energy of the activity in their hands, and they're as tiger. His face, hairy as a Skye terrier's, showed no feature in particular, hill. But that's not saying that Mr. save the huge nose, which, ow-Kilgour would not take kindly to ing to a long course of grog, banking. If he's after rupees, he had assumed the appearance of will," and Mr. Matheson cast a glance a purple knob, and bulging I hastened to say that I was very deep-set eyes, as a cliff overhangs a grateful to Mr. Macdonald for his gencavern. His visage was truculent, and erous offer, and that, with his permishis temper and voice were in harmony. His most caressing tones were sion, I would keep it under considerathe growl of the thunder; his anger "Quite right, Mr. Kilgour, quite right," said Mr. Macdonald, cordially. was the fury of a flend. His natural qualities, too, had been well cultivated. The broadside of oaths he poured upon

Look well before you leap, especially his men when anything went amiss in this land of deceits, though, to tell was an achievement in profanity to you the truth and never flatter, you be remembered with a creepy shudder for a lifetime, and the gleam of his have done so well in this Gordon business that I should like to eatch you. eyes and the way in which he fingered However, I say again, you are quite his pistols under the stress of passion right to avoid a rash decision. A showed that he was not of those who false step involves a change, and value human life. though the proverb says that changes As might be expected, his career had been eventful, his experiences startare lightsome it adds that only fools are fond of them. I am not one of ting and varied. He boasted-and I those who pin their faith to proverbs, am sure truthfully-that he could good or bad. If a rolling stone does show more sword cuts and bullet not gather moss, it often gathers what scars than any other man of his size s a great deal better than moss-an then living. "A man with a greater auriferous coating that we are all glad extent of hide might beat me," he to admire. So don't decide hastily. It's a poor business getting out of the frying-pan into the fire and back again from the fire into the frying pan. would sometimes say, but to the square inch show me him who equals me. By Jupiter, if I was to preach on that kind of tattooing, a week would be too short for my sermon !" And "And that you may have an alternative, Mr. Kil your," added Mr. Mayou immediately assented. The mate could not be described as heson, "let me say that in a week or

being of a milder natural disposition. but only as being less fearfully developed. His name for cruelty was less eminent than his chief's, but he was training excellently and gave high promise of brutality. Meanwhile he swore, took his grog, and practised assiduously on the crew. The first day out he knocked a sailor down with a marlin spike under the very eyes of the captain, who was too indifferent even to curse approvingly. A little later he sent another head foremost into the hold without so much as casting a downward glance to see whether the man were dead or alive, and not a day passed that he did not distin-guish himself by some deed of cruelty

thanked Mr. Macdonald, saying that as the ship was not sailing immediately I would think the matter over. Such, in brief, were my shipmates, But the suggestion pleased me; whereas, though sincerely grateful to Mr. and it will be eaisly understood how quickly and completely my dreams of a holiday voyage vanished. Macdonald, I was not in love with It enhanced the discomforts of the situation that I fancied myself regard-The upshot was that I declined Mr. Macdonald's offer, and decided to visit ed by the captain and mate as an in-Arabia in Mr. Matheson's ship. The terloper-a spy, whose proper place was with the sharks outside. But on that kindly banker would not, however, take point I was unwittingly flattering mya final answer, but said that the post Neither of them troubled his should be kept open till my return, as ships and tarry sailors might by that head in the least about me, nor even time have lost their attraction. If he came near me except it were by chance has kept his word, there has been a and in the way of duty. To be sure, vacant desk in that establishment for the captain usually rolled some hoarse greeting when we met in the morning, but he never delayed his ship for conbusiness was to write home a long letversation, and never once evinced a ter to Kilburnie and another to The desire to know how I was enjoying my-Elms. The Kilburnie letter was out of hand with no effort, but the one to Sir Thomas was a different matter self. Only at meal-times did we come into close contact, and then I was glad to get back to the deck and the disentirely. I felt a great pity for the poor gentleman, which I durst not exinfecting air of heaven. Nor was the mate much more sociapress lest he should die of heartbreak, ble. One evening, indeed, he spoke to so that my communication had to be me of Scotland, but as his talk was of somewhat of the nature of a diplomatic nothing but tavern debaucheries, their despatch. Unhappily the task of comaccompaniments and results, I did not posing it called for gifts with which encourage him. He left me with a was but seantily endowed. I wrote feeling of profound contempt, never the letter and rewrote it, and again again making any attempt to draw wrote it; then took it to bed to dream me into conversation. When we met. over, undoing the whole thing on the

his looks declared as plainly as looks onles of composition as do not make | landsman, who was no fit company for a jolly, blasphemous sailor like him-On the third day my patience was | self. Mr. Watson, the supercargo, was the only soul on board who took the smallmake out that there was abundant est interest in me or mith whom I cared hope for the future, while there was to speak. He understood my position, and I think had compassion for me. ing the search at present, but I fancy | At any rate, he tolerated my amateurish views of seafaring men and things

attended the High school there. We compared notes on our reading, and he was certainly not the worse read man "This roving, free and easy life, Mr. Kilgour," he said one day, "has a tendency, as Burns says, to 'harden a' within and petrify the feeling,' but I try to keep a fresh sweet corner in my affections for the thoughts and fancies of choice souls. After all, a good book is better than their riotous games at ninepins with virtue and character, and to read about a pretty girl is better than to go about carousing with an ugly and debauched one. As Sancho Panza says about sleep, 'God bless the man who invented books." Books, however, were the subjects of our bytalk only. Oftenest our conversation was about India, Arabia, and our companions. "Just look at them, Mr. Kilgour," he

said once. "Aren't they a pretty set? Haven't they the look of having been special purpose of wallowing in crime? Without ocular evidence could you imagine that so much rascality could be condensed within a few skins? They are the very essence of villains, sir, or rather the dregs, with not an henest or honorable instinct among vas the alluring name of our gallant them. I verily believe old Nick would brig-was being loaded with a cargo be ashamed of them, for he, if reports be true, is an artist and a gentleman, but they-they are mere butchers. If justice were any more than a thing of courts and fine talk, there isn't a man Boston. of them that shouldn't long ago have adorned a gibbet."

And how in the name of wonder do they come to be on Mr. Matheson's ship?" I asked. Mr. Watson screwed his face knowingly and winked. Ah, ha! there you are," he laugh "How comes the purse to rule the conscience? Mr. Matheson was born ayont the Tweed, and knows the value of bawbees. These rinsings of ADVANCE. Flying from the scaffold! How do "From experience and the modicum of wit heaven gave me. Respectability's a thing we don't care to pay for on East India traders. And that re-

minds me, are you armed, Mr. Kil-"As nature armed me," I rejoined. I did not think that it was necessary to come on board Mr. Matheson's ship armed." "Necessity's just as you take it," he said, significantly. "In this golden clime it might not be necessary to wear clothes, but you do it all the same. A pistol's not heavy, and sometimes it's very handy. I always carry one, and this little thing besides," and turning up the edge of his waistcoat he revealed the handle of a dagger. "That's to prog them who might take a thought of progging me," he exclaimed. "I have found it useful at close quarters more than once. Come this way, Mr. Kilgour." He led me to his cabin, which was office and bedroom in one. When we were inside he carefully closed and fastened the door, then getting upon his knees he unlocked a heavy fron box, which notwithstanding its immense weight was fixed to the floor with iron rivets. 'This is for the ship's papers," he explained, looking up with a smile of intelligence, "but you can put more than hats in a bandbox. Here, take your choice of these," and he lifted an armful of pistols. I drew back a step with a quick sensation of chilliness. The startling discoveries were crowding too closely upon each other for my nerves.

nasty to be caught unprepared. I daresay you know something about Continued on 4th Page. ----

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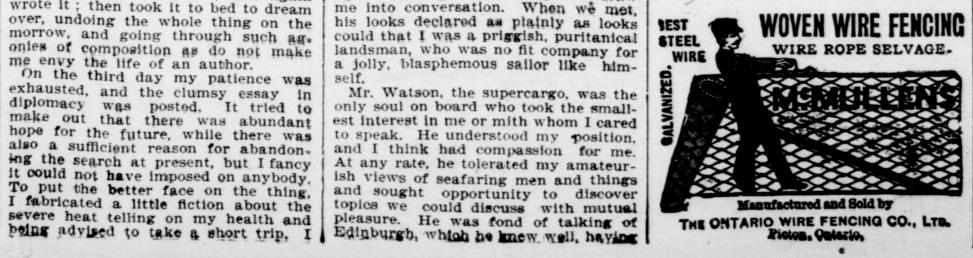
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