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# THE LOVER AND THE LASCAR.

"Heroes are just the last people in the world to say heroic things," was the remark which set my friend Clarence telling this story. The man who made the remark was a short, stout person, who seemed, as a rule, disinclined to talk. Somebody had quoted Macaulay's-

If my standard-bearer fall, as fall full well he may, For never saw I promise yet, of such a bloody fray, Strike where ye see my white plumes shine above the ranks of war, And be our oriflamme to-day, the helmet of Navarre!

That led to the stout man removing a very big cigar from his mouth make the above assertion, and, as usual, Clarence had a story to "point the moral."

"I'll tell you what I saw with my said, "and what I heard with my own ears What makes it stick in my memory all the more is, that it was the last thing I remember happening must go. before I left Ceylon.

"I had got myself and all my traps on board the P. and O. steamer to the shining, swelling water where the leave. But in those days-I don't Lascar's head was bobbing up and know how it is now-the steamers used to be kept waiting at Port Galla for other steamers from other ports. Sometimes, if the currents about Cape | was just as if the bugle call had inter-Comorin or the straits were particularly unreasonable, you might have to put up with forty-eight hours of waiting. This time we had to wait more than a day for a boat that was bringing passengers from Singapore and Hong Kong. In that way I became acquainted before we weighed anchor with a particularly interesting group of passengers. This group consisted of an elderly lady, wife of a judge up country, her daughter and two men The daughter had been ordered home to England for her health. The two men-well, that's where my story

"My sympathies ought to have been with the elder of those two, because he was a coffee planter, and so was I, or I had been until a few weeks before. This coffee planter man was evidently on familiar terms with Mrs. Judge and the young woman, and Mamma seemed to treat him with distinguished consideration. From that I gathered that he was the favored suitor. The other man was a persevering lover, evidently, but not nearly as likely to win as his rival, judging by the signs of parental inclination. He was a young subaltern in a British regiment stationed up country, and may as well say at once that his name ley's story. It was an old story; the

the acquaintance of Miss Edith-I safe. was Cropley-Lieut. Cropley. I soon picked up the whole thread of Croponly new feature in it, to me, was the promptness with which the young man had managed to get leave of absence about that affair. How do you supand sail on that steamer as soon as he knew that the coffee planter was going to be a fellow passenger with about it this time. Then her mother Edith and her mother. I think the tried to put a spoke in his wheel, in gradually four tablespoonfuls of meltmother was rather surprised when Cropley bobbed up on board; whether

"With all my enterprise and inquisitiveness, I couldn't find out for sure whether the girl's sympathies ley. were with the coffee planter and her mother or with Cropley-that is, until board and waited a night in the harrather indifferent, with, perhaps a had been doing. And before we all younger man. But then it was easy told me his rival had offered him

talking to me, as we sat together late at ease in Europe.". that night by the ship's rail and smok- "Did Cropley take the offer?" d, watching the lights of the harbor, it was plain that he was anxious to find some one to tell his troubles to. He was not rich, I found, and the coffee planter, I guessed, was. If he could only get Edith to say, 'Yes,' he was quite prepared to leave the army and go back to Ceylon as a coffee

planter, in hopes of being some day as rich as his rival. "'Bad move,' I said. 'The other man has a long start of you on that line. throw away your strong suit, don't

"I don't know whether he did see in that light, but I do know that Cropley seemed wonderfully comforted initiative-not in words, perhaps, but by the interest I took in his affairs. He went to bed-or to his bunk-in a more cheery mood than he had seemed to be in when we first struck up acquaintance. Next morning he was apparently in the best of spirits. "Tve been thinking over what you told me last night,' he said, puffing at his pipe after tiffin, before the ladies had shown up on deck. 'It is a rum thing,' he said; 'this business is rather

like a game, isn't it?' "I told him that both love and war were huge gambles, and in both games it was all-important to show a good front to the enemy-or the adversary. This philosophy seemed to amuse him: but he certainly practiced it that morning, when Edith and ence of the coffee planter or the severe politeness of Mrs. Judge. And the plan seemed to work, too, for Edith talked to Crop'ey, listened to Cropley, and asked Cropley questions about the harbor, and the funny boats, and the

pearl divers, which questions, for the

"It was a beautiful morning, and the goose seemed to hang high for poor Cropley-so much so that his rival was beginning to look as dejected as a man in spotless white duck, with a shining, freshly shaven face, can look. I made up my mind to tell Cropley at the first opportunity not to push things too hard, or the mother might resort to stringent measures, and forbid Edith to talk to him at all. That was the danger which I foresaw at that

"But then Cropley suddenly burst into a blaze of glory as a hero. "We were all standing at the stern rail-five of us-looking at the small craft below us dancing about on the light swell. A native seaman-a Lascar from some piratical part of the Malay Peninsula—came skipping nimbly along the top of the rail that was to hang in bights from spring hooks for some purpose or other. He apologized for disturbing us and passed on. In

deck, and there was the poor devil's head bobbing up and down like a cork while his shipmates were running every way at once to get out life

"You see, there was no danger of his drowning. You can't drown a Lascar, unless you anchor him in ten fathoms with a two-fathom cable. The danger was in sharks; that was why all the dingheys and sampans that were paddling about within a few yards of the man held off from him so, they were afraid of being upset by the scramble of sharks that were sure to come. And then, you see, the man was only a Lascar, anyhow. A white man or a high caste native would have

been different. "Just for one moment it was horrible. There was not a ripple near the camphor, about the size of a hickory man as yet, but we all expected to see | nut. the ripples in another moment, and then-the end of it. Edith's mother drew her back from the rail. three men seemed momentarily para-

"Then, suddenly, young Cropley began getting his arms out of the sleeves of his loose Chinese silk jacket. I own eyes at Port Galla, in Ceylon," he shall never forget the way he set about it. There was an expression on his face, which I can only describe as pouting. "'Confound it,' he said, 'I suppose !

the rail and flying, arms and legs all spread out, through the air, down to

the tone in which he said those words, ashes. 'Confound it, I suppose I must go,' It rupted him in a game that interested him deeply. Things had evidently began to look bright for him, because cup of tapioca in one pint of cold wa-Edith was smiling, and I suppose he ter for two hours, then cook until thought it 'a beastly bore, don't you know,' for this fool of a Lascar to go and drop into that shark pond on this particular morning.

"And I suppose Cropley had quite made up his mind that there would be no coming back for him. He was only of a box of gelatine soaked in one-half It had a round dome on the top doing it all, I believe, because it was 'the thing' to do, and because it would be a disgrace to the flag if this Lascar were eaten up like that without an lemons and two oranges, and two tea- of the Mahdi lay on what the artilleryattempt on the part of any of the cups of sugar. Strain into a mold men termed "an erection," perhaps 'sahibs' to save him; and it did look for a little time as if things were go- at a time until the mold is full. ing that way. But he was pleasantly surprised, so was I, so was Edith, so, I believe, was even Cropley's rival. We had none of us counted on one very | roll it thin and line muffin rings with simple fact in natural history, name- it. Bake in a quick oven and when ly, that sharks, with all their ferocity, done fill with fresh berries. Sprinkle trinkets, perhaps are very timid. The splash Cropley with sugar and serve with sweet made as he dropped into the water cream. saved two lives. Probably it came

"There was an answering sudden the two men. The sharks were rushing away from the splash, as they algets quiet again. But before they much more as is necessary to handle pened inside the tomb. "That is a could come back one of the ship's boats that had been moored at the foot of the companion ladder was alongside the Lascar and the Englishthat was how and where he had made man. They were both pulled in

That does illustrate what you were a shortcake not attainable with the saying about heroes not making heroic cooking school recipes made with sweet corporal went to that end. On lifting speeches, doesn't it?" "Well, I don't quite know whether it does or not," said the stout man with the cigar. "But how about the

"Oh, the girl? Well, curious thing pose it ended?" "She, of course, fell dead in love spite of the strong public opinion that sprang up on board before we got as Edith was equally surprised, I can't far as Aden. For, of course, Cropley immediately became the hero of the ship. It was the coffee planter him-

self who did the trick for young Crop-"My prosperous friend first went and had an interview tete-a-tete with the morning after we had all gone on Mamma, after which that lady treated Cropley with a great deal more heap the berries in the centre, placbor. Until then, I thought she was urbanity and consideration than she slight natural preference for the separated at Southampton, Cropley to see that the poor girl's health was one-third share in the coffee planta-"Cropley and I made friends very and go back to Ceylon to manage tion if he, Cropley, would cut the army fast. He was an ingenuous, whole- things there for him, so that the midsouled youngster. From his way of dle-aged planter might retire and live

"Indeed, he did," said Clarence. And he took Edith, too."

WOMEN PROPOSE? HORRORS! The average woman would be horrified, as a rule, if you made the assertion in her presence that her sex ever propounded the momentous question If you give up your red coat, you and proposed marriage to the man. But when you stop and quietly go over the question you will find that in ries. Spread between the cake just bemany instances woman has taken the in cleverly devised plots and by just helping some bashful lover along. Is not the wooing of Priscilla a good example? Did she not propose when

she said, "Why not speak for youror reasonably up-to-date girl. But articles. the widow is a hard proposition to cope with. She feels it imminently her privilege to "coo" over a man, say sweet things to him, tell him he is the sweetest thing in town and make him so absolutely comfortable that he bachelor apartments. But the widow is dangerous. She knows how to manage a man with skilful tact. If she decides to marry him she will and he

is helpless.

and a grate fire than books ever tell most part, he had to either refer to me of—a case of cause and effect. One frank woman remarked :- "Well, lookenough and deserved to be rewarded, only he was too busy with law to form the proper speech. I dressed up in his pet gown and my big hat and went and sat in the moonlight when I knew he was coming, with a sad, far away look in my eyes. He took my hand and simply said: 'The weather is so lovely I wish we might have a few days by the sea before the summer closes,' and in the most coy manner I said, 'Let us go!' In three weeks we were married."

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washed with hot water and soap salt should be sprinkled upon the floors and moths will not appear. A combination of camphor gum and ar camphor is volatile, and a small lump on the floor and another on the shelf of a cupboard is purifying and

eradicates moths. To keep pots and pans bright dip of Royal Marine artillerymen to the each article in strong lye or soft soap, "What struck me about it all was then scour with common sifted coal

THE STRAWBERRY.

Strawberry Tapioca.-Soak one teaclear. Stir through it one teacup of sugar and one quart of large, ripe Serve with sweet cream.

Strawberry Pudding-Three-fourths mud mortar." pint of cold water; add one-half pint which had been so worked as to fi of boiling water and the juice of two the square building below. The body and as it hardens put in berries a few

Strawberry Dumplings .- Make any good baking powder biscuit dough,

ways do, though they may be counted rounded teaspoonful of baking powder. cess" on to come back as soon as everything Stir this into the cream, adding as Nobody cared to describe what hapdone split, spread generously with was told. However, it was presently butter; use berries and sugar in the said that the order was given to take Laths

spoonful of the following dressing. Beat very light the yolks of two eggs, with young Cropley—no mistake at all tard and salt and two teaspoonfuls of was seen of it again," said one artil-

ful of whipped cream. of large ripe berries and one pint of be said of the body, they will never ripe white currants. Arrange a bed of ing the currants in a cicrle outside the berries. Place on the ice until ready three spoonfuls of fine sugar mixed

berries, add two quarts of cold water might say that the Mahdi must have and let it stand fifteen minutes. Strain and add granulated sugar enough to sweeten; and chopped ice.

on a pretty dish and chill on ice. Strawberry filling for layer- cake .-Beat stiff a pint of cream, and add three or four tablespoonfuls of fine sugar and one cupful of mashed berfore serving.

OLD HATS. Save your old felt hats to make inmats may be cut in the form of stars

ICE CREAM POINTS.

Some good points to remember in the making of ice cream are these: Milk dreads renewed acquaintance with his should always be scalded, or it may taste watery. If flour is used to thicken cook in a double boiler twenty mintues. If cornstarch cook an hour. When candied fruits are More desirable bachelors have been used a double amount of sugar is remade benedicts through the influence quired. In making brick ice cream the clerks in the telegraph office had allow two tablespoonfuls of gelatine ran away but this boy. He called up ial prices. to each quart. For ginger ice cream Lahore, then clicked out this message: use the preserved ginger. In freez-ing ice cream take one-third as much dering all Europeans; all arms in ing seriously at it, I guess I did pro-salt as ice, and the ice should be on their possession." That was his last top. In packing after freezing leave act; dark, cruel faces surged in and he the salt on top. Always allow the was cut down. When Colonel Erwards cream to stand for two or three hours told this story, he always added, "That before serving, as it makes it richer. boy saved India." Caterers in making ice cream for entertainments usually make it two days

LIME WATER.

ready prepared at any drugstore, it can easily be made at home if one is so And who says women never pro- situated as to get the lime. Put a piece of fresh unslacked lime-about half a peck-into a large stone jar and pour over it slowly, so as not to allow it to slacken too rapidly, four gallons which incandescent lamps supply the of hot water. Stir until thoroughly dissolved, and then allow it to settle.

### is added to each glass they drink. If put into milk that is liable to curdle when heated, it will prevent its doing so. For burns and scalds it will be found most effectual when mixed with

an equal part of linseed oil. This, in fact, is the "carron oil" which the Welsh miners always keep ready for use in case of accidents in the mines. It will also be found useful the hands, using no washboard, and in cleaning babies' nursing bottles or boil and wash by themselves. Rinse small cream jugs, purifying and sweetall white linens and cottons in two ening them without leaving any un-

THE MAHDI'S REMAINS.

New Story of the Rifling of His Tomb and Severing of His Head From the Body. Regarding the disinterment and mutilation of the remains of the Mahdi by the English after the battle o Omdurman, the Manchester Guardian has a story from its special correspon-The story was gleaned from

the men who actually engaged in this piece of diplomatic barbarism. The day after the Omdurman battle, where the dervishes died in their thousands, Major Gordon, they say, went on board one of the gunboats, and then took with him a small party land. None of the Egyptians on board taken. "They chatter too much," explained a sergeant. "When you have experience of them they are poor race of beings. A dervish is in

all parts altogether more of a man. The Egyptian cannot stand alone." The little party marched directly to the tomb of the Mahdi. The tomb was berries. Pour in mold and set on ice. described as "like a big square barn, built of half-baked bricks and slabs of

> half the height of a man, set up in the middle of the tomb. It had an encircling rail made with pieces of brass taken from English implements or furniture, and was decorated with other

RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS.

Mother's Strawberry Short-Cake .- The body was wrapped in white and Into a coffee cup of thick sour cream | colored cloth, sewn together. "But swirl as he dropped in, and I even stir one scant teaspoonful of soda, the whether it had been embalmed," said thought I could see a long fin cutting yolk of one egg, two tablespoonfuls of another of the artillerymen, "I could through the water, going away from sugar, two shakes of salt. Sift in- not say, having no experience of how to one coffee cup of flour one well bodies look after undergoing that pro-

nicely. Roll into two sheets. When matter for those in authority," one same ratio. There is a sort of meltthe body from where it lay and to
Paling sever the head from the trunk. "The the head it broke clean away from the Strawberry salad .- Arrange little body, and he held it in his hands." birds' nests formed of strawberry leaves The body was then wrapped up, or tiny crisp lettuce leaves and fill weighed and carried across the three with ripe berries. Pour over them a miles that lay between the tomb and

the Nile and at once cast into the add one half teaspoonful each of mus- river. "I never heard that anything sugar, beating constantly, then add leryman, "and the fact is it must have Sawn Spruce Shingles, ed butter and six tablespoonfuls of been washed away along the bed of vinegar. Cook in a double boiler until the river," Another added that the it thickens. Remove from the stove dervishes are, of course, essentially and stir in the beaten whites of two superstitious, and that they might in eggs. Just before serving add a cup- the future, no doubt, be imposed on by the production of another dead Strawberry, salad, No. 2.—One quart body, "But," he added, "whatever may get the head of their Mahdi "What became of the head?"

"It is a very short story. The head was carried on board the gunboat and put into an empty kerosene can-one to serve, then pour over them the juice of these square cans, you know, that of one-half pint of strawberries and oil is kept in. It stopped there a few days. The other officers used to come well. Afterward sift fine sugar over head,' and the corporal, under orders, aboard and say, 'Gordon, show us that would then lift it out. None of them Strawberry-ade.-Mash one quart of would touch it. It was not nice. I

A FEARFULLY UGLY MAN Strawberry pudding sauce.—One cupful of pulverized sugar, one-half cup- forehead was not particularly highful of good butter beaten very light, for an Arab. His hair was jet black, then add the well-beaten white of one The lower part of one side of the face egg and one cupful of mashed ber- was gone—decayed—and we took off ries. Arrange in the shape of a mound part of his beard. It is here in Eastney. I have a piece myself-a fine. glossy, black, apparently the hair of a man in his prime. "After the head had remained a few

days in the can a wooden box was made, and it was packed in that. It was sent to Cairo for despatch to England, and but for the discussion in Parliament it would, no doubt, have been on view before now in some museum or another. The War Office, I to lamp mats, slippers, etc. The should think, will know where that box is. I must say no more." After the body of the Mahdi had leaves, daisies or any other desired, been "disinterred" and disposed of his Embroider with buttonhole stitch tomb was destroyed. Lyddite was around the edge. Slippers cut from used, as it is still necessary to note Experienced devotees of the fair sex any good pattern are very nice made the action of that explosive owing to say the widows are more expert at proposing marriage than the debutante proposing marriage than the debutante together, making mats for various the action of that explosive owing to the sometimes peculiar conduct of lyddite shell. "So that we had an expression of the local together, making mats for various periment of two kinds," said one of the artillerymen. "We experimented in religion on the 'poor Mahdi,' and in

to try conclusions with a dead body.

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