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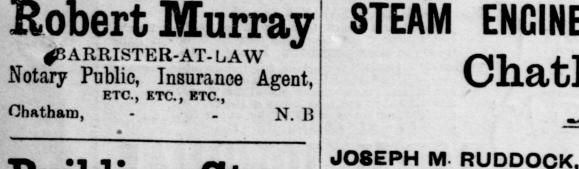
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(Continued.)

I stood in the corner of the room, with my back against the wall and my hand on the cold rifle-barrel. The table covered with my books lay between me and the door, but for the first few min-utes after the lights were out the darkness was so intense that nothing could be discerned at all. Then, very gradually, the outline of the room became visible, and the framework of the windows began to shape itself dimly before my eyes. After a few minutes the door, its upper half of glass, and the two windows that looked out upon the front verandah, became specially distinct; and I was glad that this was so, because if the Indians came up to the house I should be able to see their approach, and gather something of their plans. Nor was I mistaken, for there presently came to my ears the peculiar hollow sound of a canoe landing and being carefully dragged up over the rocks. The paddles I distinctly heard being placed underneath, and the silence that ensued thereupon I rightly interpreted to mean that the Indians were stealthily approaching the house. While it would be absurd to claim that I was not alarmed-even frightened-at the gravity of the situation and its possible outcome, I speak the

whole truth when I say that I was not

was conscious that even at this stage

stand at last. They were going panion. Then the procession moved upstairs, and the room directly over- forward again, entered the room close How the Men Propose. head to which they pointed had been on my left, and began to move until this night my bedroom. It was slowly round my side of the table. the room in which I had experienced The leader was already beyond me, and No two men, so an experienced friend that very morning so strange a sen-sation of fear, and but for which I behind him the burden, whose confused and every one has a method peculiarly JOHN MCDONALD & CO.

Nearer and nearer they came. The

table as he moved. My lips were glu-

ed together, and the air seemed to

burn in my nostrils. I tried to close

m; eyes, so that I might not see as

they passed me; but my eyelids had

stiffened, and refused to obey. Would

should then have been lying asleep in outline I could dimly make out, was his own. the narrow bed against the window. exactly in front of me, when the cav-A man may be ever so much in The Indians then began to move alcade came to a dead halt. At the

silently around the room; they were same moment, with the strange suddoubt as to how his proposal may be going upstairs, and they were coming denness of thunderstorms, the splash received, but away down in his heart round my side of the table. So steal- of the rain ceased altogether, and the is the consciousnes that if he is reasonthy were their movements that, but wind died away into utter silence. for the abnormally sensitive state of For the space of five seconds my ably dealt with she ought to say yes. the nerves, I should never have heard heart seemed to stop beating, and Self-esteem has been often condemnthem. As it was, their cat-like tread then the worst came. A double flash ed as but a negative of virtue at best, was distinctly audible. Like two mon- of lightning lit up the room and its but you just mark it down that the strous black cats they came round the table toward me, and for the first time I perceived that the smaller of feet past me on my right. One leg

the two dragged something along the was stretched forward in the act of floor behind him. As it trailed along taking a step. His immense shoulders fore he can make anybody else believe TINSURANCE sound, I somehow got the impression in all their magnificent fierceness I in him.

that it was a large dead thing with saw the outline of his features. His But how do they propose? outstretched wings, or a large spread- gaze was directed upon the burden his There is the self-assured man. ing cedar branch. Whatever it was, companion was dragging along the goes about the business in a matter-of- deceased, is continued by the undersigned I was unable to see it even in out- floor; but his profile, with the big line, and I was too terrified, even had aquiline nose, high cheek-bone, straight fact way. It is nothing to be ashamed I possessed the power over my mus-black hair and bold chin, burnt itself of. He sits up straight and addresses cles to carry my neck forward in the in that brief instant into my brain the object of his designs with deliberaeffort to determine its nature.

never again to fade. tion. He has left his hat and overcoat Dwarfish, compared to this gigantic leader rested a giant hand upon the figure appeared the proportions of the in the hall, and has literally nothing other Indian, who, within twelve inches on his hands but the proposal busiof my face, was stooping over the thing ness. And he says:

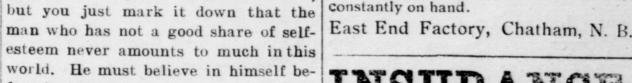
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he was dragging in a position that lent "My dear Miss Jones, I have for to his person the additional horror of some time been visiting you, and, of deformity. And the burden, lying upthey never get by me? Sensation held and dragged by a long stem, was actuated me?" on a sweeping cedar branch which he course, you can guess what purpose has seemed also to have left my legs, and the body of a white man. The scalp But Miss Jones blushes, and protests

overwhelmingly afraid for myself. I it was as if I were standing on mere had been neatly lifted, and blood lay that "she never even dreamed of what



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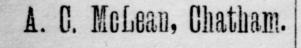
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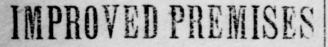
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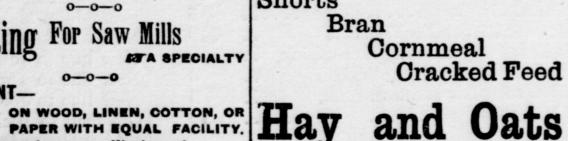
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largest figure of a man I have ever and then all became as still and silent seen outside of a circus hall. By some as before. power of light that seemed to generate It was at this point that the atmositself in the brain, I saw the strong phere, surcharged all day with the dark face with the acquiline' nose and high cheek-bones flattened against the lief in a dancing flash of brilliant electricity of a fierce storm, found reglass. The direction of the gaze I lightning simultaneously with a crash could not determine, but faint gleams of loudest thunder. For five seconds of light as the big eyes rolled round and showed their whites, told me plain- to me with amazing distinctness, and ly that no corner of the room escaped through the windows I saw the tree their searching. trunks standing in solemn rows. The For what seemed fully fifty minutes thunder pealed and echoed across the I knew a girl once on a time, the dark figure stood there, with the lake, and among the distant islands, Whose disposition was sublime: and the flood-gates of heaven then bring the dead down to the level of the glass; while behind him, though opened and let out their rain in not nearly so large, swayed to and fro streaming torrents. The drops fell with a swift rushing Her gowns were of the latest styles; like a bent tree the shadowy form of sound upon the still waters of the an agony of suspense and agitation for lake, which leaped up to meet them, and pattered with the rattle of shot She always was so good and kind; their next movement, little currents of on the leaves of the maples, and the To all my faults so very blind; icy sensation ran up and down my roof of the cottage. A moment later, spine, and my heart seemed alternately and another flash, even more bril- I thought it would be perfect bliss to stop beating, and then start off liant and of longer duration than the If only one time I could kiss. again with terrifying rapidity. They first, lit up the sky from zenith must have heard its thumping and the horizon, and bathed the room momentsinging of the blood in my head! Morearily in dazzling whiteness. I could But now this girl is sadly changed; over, I was conscious, as I felt a cold see the rain glistening on the leaves Her hair is always disarranged; stream of perspiration trickle down and branches outside. The wind rose my face, of a desire to scream, to shout, to bang the walls like a child, suddenly, and in less than a minute Her face, I find, is wrinkled much, to make a noise, or do anything that all day burst forth in its full fury. would relieve the suspense and bring Above all the noisy voices of the things to a speedy climax. It was probably this inclination that

led me to another discovery, for when I tried to bring my rifle from behind my back to raise it and have it pointed at the door ready to fire, I found that I was powerless to move. The muscles, paralysed by this strange fear, refused to obey the will. Here indeed was a terrifying complication!

There was a faint sound of rattling at the brass knob, and the door was pushed open a couple of inches. A pause of a few seconds, and it was pushed open still farther. Without a gree of calmness, almost of apathy,

sound of footsteps that was appreciable to my ears, the two figures glided ground that after a certain point Nainto the room, and the man behind gently closed the door after him. They were alone with me between ervenes. On they came, step by step,

the four walls. Could they see me nearer and nearer, with the shuffling standing there, so still and straight in sound of the burden behind growing my corner? Had they, perhaps, allouder as they approached. ready seen me? My blood surged and They were already half-way down

sang like the roll of drums in an orch- the stairs when I was galvanized estra; and though I did my best to afresh into a condition of terror by suppress my breathing, it sounded like the consideration of a new and horthe rushing of wind through a pneu- rible possibility. It was the reflecmatic tube. tion that if another vivid flash of

My suspense as to the next move was lightning were to come when the shasoon at an end-only, however, to give dowy procession was in the room, perplace to a new and keener alarm. The haps when it was actually passing in men had hitherto exchanged no words front of me, I should see everything and no signs, but there were general in- in detail, and worse, be seen myself! dications of a movement across the room I could only hold my breath and wait and whichever way they went they -wait while the minutes lengthened would have to pass the table. If they into hours, and the procession made its them from June until frost. They re-

came my way they would have to pass slow progress round the room. within six inches of my person. While The indians had reached the foot of I was considering this very disagreeable the staircase. The form of the huge possibility, I perceived that the smaller leader loomed in the doorway of the Indian (smaller by comparison) sud- passage, and the burden with an omin-Many varieties are hardy, and with

dusky occupants still going round the ing he needs both hands. island. Then the shadows deepened rap- And he swallows a lump in his throat idly; the lake grew black, and the as big as a peck measure, and he says: night wind blew its first breath in "Miss Susy, I-I-I-have come to my face as I turned a corner, and a to-ter-toprojecting bluff of rock hid from my view both island can canoe .- Algernon

The End.

Whose voice was soft and low;

This girl I used to know.

I loved this maiden so.

This girl I used to know.

Her voice is not so low.

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> on her lips, and cries out in tragic ac-CYTS. Darling.I love you! Life would be a desert without you! There is the man who gets her mother to intercede for him, and the man

who arranges matters with her father. and the man who courts half his lifetime, and never quite "gets to it," and who, after a while, sees his sweetheart spirited off by another man who did not court her more than a week. It is little matter, so our friend says,

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how the men propose, so that they only do it—that is the main thing, after the storm that had been gathering She likes to get my hand to clutch. This girl I used to know. all."-Kate Thorn.

My faults she does not fail to find; elements, the slightest sounds in the keep them always in my mind. room overhead made themselves heard She's not afraid or slow. and in the few seconds of deep silence A question always puzzles methat followed the shriek of terror and pain I was aware that the movements I wonder can this really be The girl I used to know. had commenced again. The men were

smiles;

leaving the room and approaching the Yes, true enough, why should I doubt This is the girl I raved about? top of the stairs. A short pause, and they began to descend. Behind them, The idol of my life. tumbling from step to step, I could The maid I dreamed was so divine; hear that trailing "thing" being dra-The maid I coveted for mine. ged along. It had become ponder-Alas! she is my wife!

I awaited their approach with a de-THE FLOWER GARDEN

which was only explicable on the No garden is complete without the tries of America and Europe comes summer flowering bulbs; of these the from Greenland, and, according to the ture applies her own anaesthetic, and dahlia leads, followed closely by the estimates of Gen. Greely, the whale, a merciful condition of numbness supgladiolus, to which we may add the seal, walrus and other products of the canna, tube-rose, tuberous begonia, Arctic regions have, in a little over and many others. After the first frost two centuries, contributed about \$1,comes these bulbs should be carefully 000,000,000 to the wealth of the world. dried and packed in dry sand or sawdust to preserve them from next year's

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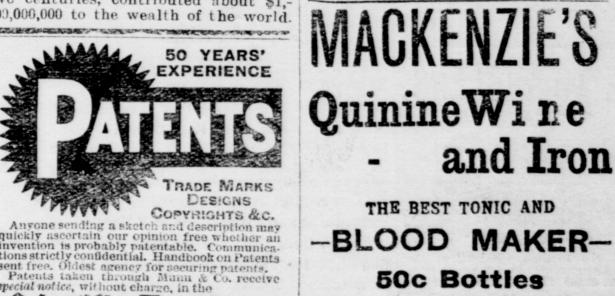
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