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The BLACKMAILERS.

A Stirring Romance of England and Australia. By W. Murray Graydon.

Author of "The Thrillstones of London," "Reaping the Whirlwind," &c.

CHAPTER I. THE TRAVELLERS' HUT.

The little low cottage with its verandah shaded by festoons of creepers, flanked by the straggling eucalyptus that comprised the sheep-station known as Fraser's was a most welcome sight to the dusty travel-worn horseman who rode into the home clearing towards sunset on the last day of December, 1899.

"Back already," he exclaimed. "I didn't expect you before to-morrow. My word, Jim, you must be made of iron."

"Oh, I've been taking it easy enough," replied Jim Connop. "I didn't branch off to Watson's place, as I intended, because I was told that he had gone to Perth." Jim swung himself out of the saddle, and turning the steed over to a half-caste lad, he followed his employer into the house and disgorged from his capacious pockets a bundle of newspapers and a thin packet of letters.

Fraser was reading his letters—they were business communications—when Connop joined him at the table, his face shiny from his ablutions and a few sparkling drops clinging from his matted hair.

There is an adopted son of the same name," replied Connop, "and there is also a nephew, I fancy the latter is the heir, though he wasn't in the running at first. But I've heard that the other chap quarrelled with Sir John, and was cut off with a shilling. At all events he left England and went to the colonies. Larry Vallenger was a good sort, but Challenor—that's the nephew—hadn't any too clean a reputation. I was on nodding terms with both of them. It was while I was a billiard-marker in a saloon off Leicester square," he added, with a bitter laugh.

Fraser, knowing his companion's moods, tactfully changed the subject. "I reckon the expense of the expedition came out of Sir John's pocket?" he asked.

"The greater part of it, no doubt. But two of his best friends went with him, Elderton and Travers and they probably paid their share."

"Who are you?" demanded Fraser. "I am Charles Travers," the stranger answered.

five minutes of Charles Travers' arrival the three men were speeding on their errand of success, accompanied by a couple of the station hands who they picked up on the way.

"Australian hospitality is proverbial: In the remote regions of the bush, wherever a sheep or cattle station exists, there is invariably to be found within several furlongs of the home buildings, a shelter for wandering tramps and vagabonds. To this snug little shanty, with its galvanised iron roof and rough benches, come swagmen, sundowners, and sometimes a wild-eyed trembling man with a price on his head and the mounted police on his trail.

"That is Maurice Yorke, the scientist," said Charles Travers. "Five days ago he had a touch of sunstroke, and as delay meant death to all of us, he had to travel on through the frightful heat. His memory is quite gone, and I doubt if he will ever be cured. He hears and understands what you tell him, but he forgets it the next instant. There must be a clot on the brain."

"You have seen him before?" inquired Charles Travers. "Yes, at Esperance Bay."

"The document must be strictly legal," said Fraser. "My next neighbour, Murdoch, is a magistrate. We had better have him over here as quickly as possible."

"I think so," Fraser interrupted. "Your friend will last through the night." Turning to one of his employees, he added, "Tom, saddle my best horse and go for Sandy Murdoch. Tell him I require his presence on business of the greatest urgency. And ride like the devil!"

"The man departed on his errand, and the others were left to an anxious vigil. Food and drink were given sparingly to Maurice Yorke, and he attacked them like some hungry animal. When questioned by Connop, his answers showed that he remembered nothing of the past and that he was indifferent to the present. Sir John Vallenger was unable to take any solid nourishment but he sipped spirits and water from time to time, and did not tax his feeble powers by attempting to speak."

"I am Charles Travers," the stranger answered. "My God, so it is!" cried Connop, as he peered closely into the stranger's face. "Yes, this is Mr. Travers. And the rest of the party? Are you the only survivor?"

"Several strides took Fraser into the cottage and Connop dashed after him: Their first net was to provide the famished explorer with a slab of damper and a cup of weak whisky and water, and then they hurried themselves with drink and food not forgetting writing materials and a lighted lantern. Within

The will was read over to him, a pen was put into his skeleton fingers and he wrote his name in a weak and tottering fashion. The signature was witnessed by Fraser and Murdoch, and thus the document became what the law required of it.

"What queer ideas a fellow can get into his head!" he reflected as he lit his pipe. "And yet—no, the thing is preposterous. I'll not give it another thought."

"I shouldn't have recognised him," declared Connop. "How terribly he is changed!"

CHAPTER II. WHERE NORFOLK WATERS FLOW.

Having exchanged the above indifferent greetings, the two young men who had met at the foot of the staircase entered the dining-room of Burlington Manor together and noted without surprise that the only person present was old Harper, the butler. Hands deep in their pockets they sauntered to the log fire that was blazing on the large open hearth. They felt languid and bored, for until a late hour of the previous night they had, as usual, indulged in high play, and excessive drink. The great bronze clock on the mantle pointed to half-past twelve, and through the French windows the sun streamed gloriously into the room.

"Where is your master?" asked Connop. "He went off hours ago, sir—at eight o'clock," replied Challenor. "I drew Beauty Margrave. Always up at seven no matter what time he gets to bed. You and I can't do that, Connop."

"The butler as he moved about the room occasionally cast a furtive glance of disapproval at his master's guests. Visitors of this sort, dressed in evening dress, were not to be seen in the house."

"The bull hit him plump on the top of his pith helmet (a regulation one), and instead of bouncing off again, it went right through, resting on his head inside. His helmet was flattened somewhat over his ears, and so he caught the ball! It was rough on the batsman, though the fieldsmen probably found it rather hard."

IN A SICK ROOM.

A Kentucky farmer fell sick of a fever. His wife was told to keep him quiet in bed. She was a practical woman, and so packed him in with three dozen new-laid eggs, and brewed him not to move lest he break them. The fever ran its course of twenty-one days. The farmer recovered, and six-and-thirty healthy young chickens were hatched out.

THE NAVAL BATTLE OF THE FUTURE.

In the next naval battle the ships engaged will be arranged in three categories. Nearest to the enemy's array will be the battleships drawn up in one line in close order as of old; they will, as a rule, follow each other, just in the same way as did the ships of a century ago, but at a high speed in lieu of a slow one. Unlike the old liners the modern battleships will not come to close quarters. They will use their guns, not at musket-shot range, or say 200 yards, but at ranges approaching 3,000 to 4,000 yards. They will not come within 2,000 yards of their opponent, lest they be torpedoed.

Further from the enemy than the battleships will be the cruisers, trailing mainly to guns, as do their heavy escorts, but keeping at a greater range, in order to get the protection which distance will always give. If a favourable chance offers, they might support the torpedo craft in a dash at the enemy's battleship.

HOW PARROTS ARE TRAPPED IN NEW ZEALAND.

The New Zealand kakapo, or large parrot, with all its credit for brains, allows itself to be caught in a very simple manner. In the dusk of the early dawn (writes a correspondent of "Chums") the Maoris, carrying tame kakapos tied to long sticks, set off to hunt. These are the call-birds who used to attract by their screams the large flocks of kakapos flying overhead.

Each perch is so fixed that it can be drawn into the "whare" through the roof. On the perches are placed running nooses of flax, and when all is prepared, each Maori sits quietly within the "whare" with his flax cord in his hand ready to pull at the right moment.

ABOUT LORD KITCHENER.

An officer of the Third Contingent had been sent to Pretoria. Arriving at his destination, he was sitting in a railway carriage awaiting orders. While he was enjoying a pipe, a rugged-looking "gentleman in khaki" came along the line. The stranger wore no stars or other distinguishing marks, and did not look in any way impressive. Passing in front of the young officer, he asked: "Colonel?"

AT A CRICKET MATCH.

A somewhat unique dismissal of a batsman occurred in Ceylon in a match between teams of soldiers of the R. A. and R. E. V. A certain gunner was fielding in the "country." The ball was hit high in the air in his direction. He ran backwards to catch it, but, misjudging it, did not get his hands underneath. However he just managed to reach it and then a strange thing happened.

AN IRISH RECRUIT.

An unlettered Irishman applied for the United States court for letters of naturalisation, when he was asked: "Have you read the Declaration of Independence?"

NOTICE.

In this issue will be found the opening chapters of an original, up-to-date and stirring story of Australia and England, entitled "THE BLACKMAILERS."

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W. B. NOVA MARIA KELLY, of Beaufort, the holder of a Victualler's License for the house and premises known as Beaufort Hotel, situated at Beaufort, in the Licensing District of Beaufort, transferred, and ERNEST H. WELSH, of Beaufort, proposed transferee, do hereby give notice that it is their intention to apply to the Licensing Committee for the Licensing District, on the 11th day of December, 1902, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at Beaufort, for a transfer of the said license from the said W. B. NOVA MARIA KELLY to the said ERNEST H. WELSH.

DR. PARKER'S GREAT INDIAN RHEUMATIC REMEDY. As the following Cases can testify: Hopetown, 14th April, 1902. Dear Sir, - I would find words to express my gratitude for the wonderful success of one of Dr. Parker's cases of Rheumatism.

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TO OWNERS of Live Stock... THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1902. THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1902.

Wool Sales. Messrs Dalgety and Co. Ltd. report (28th November). - One of the features of our sale was the inclusion of a superior and very well grown clip, which has never been offered in this market before.

Fancy Fair at Raglan. The first fancy fair that has been held at Raglan in the history of the Methodist Church, which has been established in the district nearly 40 years, was opened on Wednesday afternoon last in the Raglan Hall, a large crowd attending.

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AND THE MOVEMENT. so long as they did not become too great a nuisance. Cr. Lewis thought it was his own fault, but the position was different in Waterloo. It was a well-known fact that the rifle fence was no check to sheep. Where the rifle fence was, the sheep would be driven to the landholders and had to be driven back to the rifle fence to be remedied, and travelling stock could not be driven to the rifle fence as they liked.

Welcome to Rear-Admiral Bridges. Rear-Admiral Bridges having returned to Traralga with his wife and family to take up their abode there, residents of the district were so delighted to see them back that Mr. E. W. Hughes found it difficult to initiate a public welcome to the Admiral. On Wednesday evening a large crowd of children assembled in front of the Shire Hall, and Cr. Sinclair mentioned that unfortunately Mr. C. J. Baker, the head teacher of the State school, through the death of his mother, was prevented from attending. He was sure the children sincerely, conjoined with their teacher in his sad bereavement. Mr. Baker had asked him to act in his stead, and on behalf of the children he took the opportunity to congratulate Admiral and Mrs. Bridges and their family on their safe return to Australia. He assured the Admiral that the children greatly appreciated his thoughtfulness in sending them medals out from England, and thanked him sincerely for his kindness. He trusted the Admiral, with his wife and family, would live for many years in health and happiness at Traralga.

Beaufort was that he made it a rule to keep in touch with the people while residing here and abroad, and had shown his liberality to the churches. He did not know whether the Admiral would go into the Shire Council again. If he did he would make an extremely good councillor, as he had before. He did not wish the North riding members to tremble in their shoes, because the Admiral had property in the West Riding as well as in the North, and might possibly see his way to represent the West riding. He might also possibly go in for Parliamentary honors, either Federal or State. Speaking personally Mr. Hughes said he hoped he would, as he would get very many supporters in the district, where all had learned to love him. Referring to an Australian navy, the speaker alluded to how Australia had shown England what they could do by fighting in South Africa, and hoped they would one day show what they could do on the sea. Now that the Admiral had returned he hoped they would be able to keep him here. In concluding Mr. Hughes pointed to the Admiral's beautiful home and garden at Traralga, and said to him, as they say in Scotland - "It's here ye're at home; Laird, ye're at home."

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A Story of a Mariner's Torpid Liver

The Case of Mr. P. C. WISSING. (By a Local Reporter). With a retrospect of thirty years' residence in different parts of Australia...

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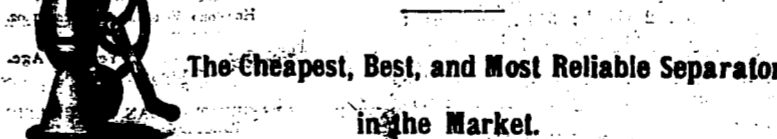
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HERE ARE A FEW LINES WE HAVE BOUGHT SPECIALLY FOR THE HOLIDAYS. WE HAVE MARKED THEM LOW. WATCH THEM WALK OUT. Umbrellas, Sunshades, Lace Scarves, Collarettes, Laces, Insertions, Gloves, Ribbons, Perfumery, and Ruffings.

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COMMERCIAL. BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET. Tuesday. Fat Cattle—397 head came to hand for today's sale.

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A Commissioner of the Supreme Court of the State of Victoria for taking Affidavits. TRUST and other MONIES TO LEND on freehold and other securities. RELIGIOUS SERVICES. SUNDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1902.

A. N. A. WATERLOO BRANCH. Meets at 8 p.m. on TUESDAY next, at the SOCIETIES' HALL.

Publication of "The Riponshire Advocate."

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DEATHS. EXCEL—On 14th inst., at Kewell, Horham, Henry EXCEL, brother of George EXCEL, of Stockyard Hill, aged 81 years.

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and the German Lutheran Church have by common agreement united to observe the day as that on which "Christ was born in Bethlehem," and although the Presbyterians of Scotland and the Dissenters of England reject the festival as one of religious or inspired origin, and because they regard it as savouring of "human invention," and "papistical will worship," they are falling largely into line with those who think differently from themselves, and keep up the season as one of goodwill and joyous fellowship.

The friends in this district of Mr. Henry EXCEL (formerly of Stockyard Hill) will regret to hear of his death, the sad event occurring at Kewell, near Horsham, on 14th inst., from general breaking up of the system. Deceased, who was 81 years of age, came to Victoria by the John Davie in 1852. He settled down at Deynston, near Kewell, on a business as a dealer in wool, and was a member of the Scotch Baptist Church for 8 or 9 years. He then came to Stockyard Hill, and engaged in farming pursuits with his brother, Mr. George EXCEL, for another 8 or 9 years. From Stockyard Hill he removed to Kewell, where he bought a farm, and he and his wife, Mrs. EXCEL, who died in 1898, were the parents of a large family. He was a man of great energy and industry, and was a member of the Scotch Baptist Church for 8 or 9 years. He then came to Stockyard Hill, and engaged in farming pursuits with his brother, Mr. George EXCEL, for another 8 or 9 years. From Stockyard Hill he removed to Kewell, where he bought a farm, and he and his wife, Mrs. EXCEL, who died in 1898, were the parents of a large family.

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J. R. HUGHES having purchased the right to supply luncheon to the public at the sports gathering on Boxing Day, invites all persons to a substantial Dinner, which will be provided, for one Shilling only, and will also supply Afternoon Tea at 6d. (ADVZ.)

The secretary of the Beaufort Athletic Club desires to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a donation of 10s 6d from the Victoria Brewery Co., Geelong, and a case of wine from Mr. E. L. Jesty, of the Yeckandandah Wine Cellars, Melbourne, per Mr. J. E. Lott, towards the Boxing Day sports.

We would again direct attention to the sale by auction, by Mr. Nicholls, at the Golden Age Hotel, Beaufort, at 10 o'clock this afternoon, of Mr. W. Rayner's freehold farm, situated at Kewell, near Horsham, containing 310a. 2r. 34p.

Mr. J. B. Cochran, news agent and stationer, Beaufort, announces that he has just stocked a very choice assortment of Xmas and New Year cards, picture books, and all the more pleasurable. Needless to say the Band mustered in full force, under Bandmaster A. Prout, and resplendent in uniform, they did their best to welcome the Admiral and his family home.

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Mining News.

The Consols tribute party at Poverty Point, Beaufort, washed off two sets of dirt at the end of last week for a return yesterday for 10s 9d.

The half-yearly meeting of the Sons of Freedom Co. takes place at the Mechanics' Institute, Beaufort, on Wednesday, 21st inst., at 2 p.m. A 3d. dividend is payable on 23rd inst.

Sons of Freedom South.—No. 1 rise west.—N.W. of S.W. reached 86ft.; fair prospects. No. 1 rise west.—West end —S. off V now in 19ft.; prospects irregular. No. 3 rise completed; started on open same to go N.; wash at points of laths; crosscutting and panning in usual quality dirt. Gold for fortnight, 105oz.

Sons of Freedom Central.—No. 3 rise west main level.—North drive extended 40ft.; in payable wash. No. 2 rise.—West drive extended 60ft.; wash payable. No. 4 rise.—N.E. intermediate N.E. drive extended 40ft.; in wash of a fair quality. No. 5 rise.—N.E. drive extended 40ft.; in wash. Four parties blocking. Yield for week, 128s 7d.

The following are the reported local yields for the week ending Saturday last:—Sons of Freedom Central, 128oz. 7d.; Brasher's Co., 10oz. 4d.; Last Chance, 14s 10d.; Tromp and party, 10s 3d.; sundries, 5s.

Beaufort United Common.

The managers of the above Common met at the secretary's office on 15th inst. Present—Messrs Humphreys, Flynn, and Brown (secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

From the Secretary, reporting financially as follows:—Balance in bank, £30 19s 5d; cash in hand, £1 16s; making a total credit of £32 15s 5d; fees received to date for current half-year, £47 16s; unpaid fees due on stock registered, £16 9s; making the total assessment to date, £84 5s; herdsman's remuneration, £8 10s 6d. The arrears for July, 1902, now stand at £4 4s.

From the herdsman, reporting that 20,000 sheep and 160 head of cattle passed through the common since last meeting. I have to bring under your notice the case of John Sweeney's sheep, who came on the common without giving the required notice. He admitted being on the common, and promised to settle the matter. I also found 200 sheep of McNaughton's on the common, which I gave up to him on his promising to pay trespass fees.

The reports were received, and the herdsman was complimented on the energetic manner in which he had worked to get travelling sheep through the common; the managers remarking that had he not done so the common would have been eaten out long ago.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—Herdsman, 10s 6d; Secretary, £2; D. Taylor, £1.

Pith of the Budget.

Revenue for 1901-2, £7,113,463. Expenditure for 1901-2, £7,407,535. Deficit, £294,072. Estimated revenue for 1902-3, £6,694,080.

Total deficiency for 1902-3, £363,586. This deficiency reduced by legislative and administrative cuts by £297,508. Leaving a net deficiency of £366,278. Estimated expenditure for 1902-3, £7,060,358.

How the deficiency is met:—By additional income tax ... £180,000. By additional probate duties ... 70,000. From railway accident fund ... 60,000. From railway stores suspense account ... 50,000. £360,000.

Leaving surplus of £4,000. Savings effected in expenditure for 1902-3:—Reduction of estimates ... £387,177. Saving additional charges ... 208,767. Total ... £595,944.

Reduction income tax exemption to £100. Abolition of exemption when income is over £200. Total gross incomes in Victoria, £23,980,000. Total net incomes above £200 now taxable, £13,980,000. Estimated total net incomes between £125 and £200, £4,206,288. Total gross incomes under £125 is £23,000,000. Estimated net incomes left untaxed under new proposals, £21,000,000. Number of taxpayers left untaxed, over 300,000.

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Snake Valley.

The annual tea and concert was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Friday in connection with Holy Trinity Church...

Cricket.

WATERLOO V. CHUTE. An interesting and friendly contested game was played at Waterloo on Saturday...

Table listing cricket scores for Waterloo v. Chute, including runs and wickets for various players.

For the third time this season Chute and Lexton met at cricket, the Chute team going to Lexton...

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Table listing Beaufort Athletic Club events, including bicycle races and other sports.

Wool Sales. Dalgity and Co. reports having held their eighth sale on Friday...

Table listing wool sales results, including grades and prices for various lots.

ONE-MILE DISTRICT BICYCLE RACES. J. McDonald, Middle Creek...

Table listing one-mile district bicycle race results.

QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP. H. W. Schlicht, Beaufort...

Balfour Insolvency Court.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1902. IN RE ALBERT ANDREWS.

In this case, in which an order was sought to compel insolvent to come up and apply for his certificate...

Mr. O'Connell - It is grossly unfair to the insolvent to drag him here without giving him a reason for the action...

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WE ALL WANT TO LOOK WELL FOR CHRISTMAS. WE HAVE THE MATERIALS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THAT DINNER TABLE WOULD LOOK WELL WITH SOME OF OUR CRYSTAL GLASS SPECIMENS, NEW CUPS and SAUCERS, EPERGNES, &c.

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BEAUFORT ATHLETIC CLUB'S GRAND ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING. To be held in the BEAUFORT RESORTATION on BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1902.

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Most of those who breed ducklings for... market hatch them early enough to bring.

The yards should be kept as clean as... possible, and the pens for both young.

Corn After Corn. At the Illinois station there is a half... acre from which 15 continuous crops.

A Cheap Hoisting Machine. The accompanying illustration from... The Country Gentleman shows how to

Root Notes. Sheep and hens are recommended by... The Rural New Yorker as the proper

An International Irrigation Congress... is to be held at Los Angeles, Oct. 10-16.

They in Great Britain sells for \$25 to... \$50 per ton, according to quality.

PLANS OF THE CIRCUS MAN.

The circus folk not only have a... stang of their own, but as they are

The men who sell peanuts, and... lemonade, palm leaf fans, animal and

Thus if a countryman went into a... sledshow and was robbed of \$10

The musicians with a circus are... known as "wind jammers," the organ

Among the riders there are rough... riders, pad riders and bareback riders.

On Her Highness. A lady was showing a picture... gallery portraits in the picture gallery.

A Curious Grammat. Several specimens of a curious... orpament have been found at Ninewa.

About the year B. C. 240 edible... serpents were sold at the rate of 2c

SPRINGS are often more serious than... broken bones on account of not being

Snake Valley.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Two outbreaks of fire occurred at Snake... Valley during the week before last.

The fortnightly meeting of the Carn... ham branch, A. N. A., took place in the

THEORY OF ATTRACTION AND HOMOGENEITY... All suffering from irritability of the

On Monday the Rev. H. W. Cleary... who was some years ago stationed here

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Justices' Figures.

The local J.P. have arranged to... attend the Beaufort Courts of Petty

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SUMMARY of Opening CHAPTERS.

Malcolm Frazer, the owner of the cattle station, is standing at the hut in the wilds of Western Australia...

the daughter of Colonel Lovering? "Yes. And I can tell you are I think: Do you like herding sheep in Colorado, Mr. Vallenger?"

CHAPTER VII.

CONTRAN MYSTIFIES HIS FRIENDS.

The yacht Alfratta, resplendent with white paint, varnished panels, and polished brass-work, with her sheet of canvas swaying listlessly overhead, lay moored at the reedy junction of the little rivers Bure and Ant...

CHAPTER VIII.

HEALTH AND DIET.

Many people eat too much bread-stuffs, literally carrying into practice their belief in the axiom that "bread is the staff of life."

CHAPTER VII.

THE TAMING OF THE BEAR.

There was a gap of ten or twelve yards to start with, as quarry and pursuer went tearing along down the road. A touch of the spurs a noble response from the intelligent cob, and Larry slipped alongside of the flying steed, just where the dangerous, curving part of the road began.

CHAPTER VIII.

THE NATIONAL NEED FOR TRAINING.

It is simply amazing how little attention has been directed towards the very palpable question of the duty of the state to enable its people to earn a decent living.

CHAPTER VII.

IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

Sir H. H. Johnston writes in the "Scottish Geographical Magazine" in British Central Africa, prior to the effective development of British control, continual loss of life was going on among the natives.

CHAPTER VII.

THE TOPSY-TURRY RAILWAY.

Four passengers sit in a heavy car, which is hauled on the line up to the top of a high scaffolding. When you get into the car an attendant, tells you to hold the bar in front of you; the loop which makes well back in your seat.

CHAPTER VII.

A GRUESOME STORY FROM MADERIA.

A correspondent sends from Madiera a gruesome account of an incident which occurred recently in an hotel there. It seems that one of the visitors had died from hemorrhage of the lungs and the body, whilst waiting internment, was placed in one of the upper bedrooms, which was not fitted with the electric light.

CHAPTER VII.

WHEN SILENCE REIGNED.

The other day, a lady, after making a purchase at a draper's shop, absent-mindedly walked out of the department with another customer's umbrella.

CHAPTER VII.

NOTICE.

In this issue will be found the opening chapters of an original, up-to-date and stirring story of Australia and England, entitled "THE BLACKMAILERS."

CHAPTER VII.

EXPENSIVE.

A popular doctor tells this story of a bright boy, his own, who has reached the mature age of nine. His restless nature had him a torment at the police station, and I ain't a going to thrash the matter out again in a hurry!

CHAPTER VII.

SUBBING.

A little girl recently entered a grocer's shop in the suburb of Whitechapel, and said to the shopkeeper, in a shrill voice: "Please sir, I want 'arf a pound of butter an' a penn'orth of cheese, and muvver says she'll send a shilling in when farver comes home."

CHAPTER VII.

THE ALBION.

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WHAT THEY ARRIVED AT.

During the dinner-hour at a certain factory not long ago there was a somewhat heated argument in progress, when one individual, who had hitherto kept silence, was appealed to for an opinion.

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THE LOOMS OF DESTINY.

BY J. MONK FOSTER.

CHAPTER XV. THE GLAMOUR OF A RING.

On the morning following that visit to the jeweller's shop Miss Doris Lonsdale found a somewhat novel, and not altogether unpleasant, experience awaiting her. It was Sunday morning, and as the weaver had awakened early, she had risen betimes to find her uxorious landlady already astir. The son and daughter of the widow were still abed; like most young workers the early rising during all the preceding week made eager to prolong their slumbers on each Sabbath morn.

It was a quiet evening and moonless, dark banks overhead, and the numerous gas lamps set along the thoroughfare relieved the lane somewhat, which was almost deserted at that hour. The girl was warmly clothed, and she had hitherto refused to believe. Now, however, that bejewelled hand of gold girdling her finger seemed to point to some conclusion. It seemed incredible that such a thing could happen; as was as sweetly romantic an idea as anything which she had ever read; yet she was not so easily won as she appeared. She scribbled her name at the foot of the printed slip he gave her, and that done and handed to him, he placed a small, but somewhat thick envelope in her hands. Glancing at it Doris saw that the cover was crossed with the mark of a blue pencil; and that showed her the package was a registered one. Instantly she thrust it unopened into her special receptacle of womanhood—her bosom—and then went back to the kitchen and the morning meal.

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He held out his arms appealingly, and they were standing now in the heart too full for speech. He pressed her to his breast with all a passionate adorer's force and strength, and then raising the veil covering her lovely face he kissed her tenderly, lovingly, ardently on ripe lips, soft cheeks, white brow, and crisply curling hair, when it stood out studiously about her ears and temples. "They were standing now in the heart too full for speech. He pressed her to his breast with all a passionate adorer's force and strength, and then raising the veil covering her lovely face he kissed her tenderly, lovingly, ardently on ripe lips, soft cheeks, white brow, and crisply curling hair, when it stood out studiously about her ears and temples."

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CHAPTER XVI. THE GOLDEN TALE ADAM FIRST TOLD.

Bank Cottage, the residence of John Whitley Gee, Esq., the then Mayor of Ripon, was situated some three miles from the centre of the town.

MR. WHISTLER AGAIN.

A Colorado millionaire, extremely millionnaire, was getting up an art gallery.

THE POPE AT HOME.

IN HIS OWN WAY. May, with its numerous receptions and pilgrimages, is always a busy time for the Pope, and the spring season of 1900 is doubly remarkable.

GENERAL FRENCH.

HIS EARLY HOME LIFE. Major-General French was the only son of Captain John French, of the Royal Navy, and was born in 1822 at the family seat of Ripple Vale, near Walmley.

LAUGHTER AT PRAYERS.

His eldest son, following the example of his father, was a devoted worshipper, and was indifferently called, was the only boy, a position which he made the most of.

COACHES AT PORTSMOUTH.

The General received his first education at a boarding school, and was afterwards sent to the Army, and some of his relatives thought that he would do well in the Army.

A CHANGE-OVER TO THE ARMY.

Young French never really cared for the sea, and when he was only an infant officer, a friend of his family, gave to him a copy of the "Army and Navy Directory."

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YOUR EYE ON THE COMPASS. Keep your eye on the compass. The sun is high. The shadow of the gnomon is long. When the shadow of the gnomon is long. When the shadow of the gnomon is long.

MADAME'S STORY.

"And what became of Marie?" I asked. "The married, did she not? Or did she now? I remember there was some excitement." Madame sighed. "It is a very long story. I will tell you in my own words. I would that I could give her account. Her English was almost perfect, though rather staid and occasionally confused as to tense. But her singularly pure, clear voice, and a faint foreign softening of each syllable made her charming to listen to.

The must say these things to him, and she says that she will do so. "Well, she is a strange girl. She is a strange girl. She is a strange girl. She is a strange girl. She is a strange girl.

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THE AFRICAN DISEASE KNOWN AS THE "SLEEPING SICKNESS."

The African disease known as the "sleeping sickness" has caused mortality in Uganda, and has been investigated by the British commission. A report has been issued by the commission, which states that 70,000 natives have died during the past four years, and that 15,000 are still suffering from the disease, which is incurable and increasing in virulence.

MISTAKES ABOUT ALCOHOL.

There is a common belief that alcohol gives new strength and energy after fatigue sets in. The sensation of fatigue is due to the fact that the body has expended more energy than it has received. Alcohol does not give new strength, but it does give a temporary relief from fatigue.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM NOT NEW.

Students of household management will learn with satisfaction that in 1868 many of the evils now to be complained of were distinctly recognized. Some of the more curious fancies which were imposed by a curious gentleman upon a lady's household, and which she loved to hear of, are now being repeated.

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HINTS TO FRIENDLY READER.

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