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THE LADY OF LYNN.

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mands. This, I hope, I have proved."

whisper, reasons of state, important

secrets-which call me there." Sir Har-

ry smiled and looked incredulous. "I

want on the spot a friend"-Sir Harry

smiled again, as one who began to un-

pear to be a stranger. Would you,

therefore, play the part of such a

"I will do whatever your lordship

commands. Yet to leave town at this

season"-it was then the month of

The old beau's face cleared, whether

in anticipation of Lady Anastasia's so-

"My character, Sir Harry, will be in

"I understand. Your lordship is

will converse with thee further on the

Sir Harry retired, bowing and twist-

Then a gentleman in scarlet present

"Your lordship's most obedient," he

"Colonel, you will hold yourself in

said, with scant courtesy. "I come in

readiness to go into the country. There

will be play. You may lose as much as

point out to you. Perhaps you may

have to receive a remonstrance from

me. We are strangers, remember, and

There remained one suitor. He was a

clergyman dressed in a fine silk cas-

noble wig of the order ecclesiastic. I

"Good, my lord," he said. "I am, as

usual, a suppliant. The rectory of St.

Leonard le Size, Jewry, in the City, is

now vacant. With my small benefices

A word from your lordship to the lord

mayor-the rectory is in the gift of the

corporation-would, I am sure, suffice."

"You are living, as usual, I suppose,

"At small expense considering my

than my slender income will allow.

Am I not your lordship's domestic

chaplain? Must I not keep up the dig-

"Your dignity is costly. I must get a

"Small? My lord, let it be great; it

"It is that you go into the country

"Not to either; to another place,

where they know not thy name or thy

fame. Very good. I thought I could

depend upon your loyalty. As for ar-

rangements and time, you will hear

When the levee was finished and

everybody gone, Lord Fylingdale sank

pleasant, for his face grew darker ev-

Mr. Semple, the same Samuel whom

captain, was now changed and for the

"Semple," said his lordship, crossing

his sword knot, "I have read thy let-

"First, what is the meaning of the

"I have been your lordship's secre-

perused all your lordship's letters. I

have also in my zeal for your lordship's

covered what I ventured to state in

"Namely, that the Fylingdale estates

are gone so far as your lordship's life is

concerned, but in a word all is gone,

not last long and that-I now touch a

"I mean a certain lady and a certain

"How, sir? Do you dare? What has

"Nay, my lord; I have no thought but

for your lordship's interests, believe me.

put this suspicion into your head?"

"Your lordship will impute"-

"Not to Bath or to Oxford?"

cannot be too great."

missed.

ordered.

preamble?

"Well, sir?"

"You mean"-

bank."

bishopric or a deanery for you. Mean-

obedience to your letter of command."

ing his body something like an ape.

"So we understand. My secretary

model of all the virtues"-

ed himself.

any one else whon

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CHAPTER II.



A NOBLE LORD. is three years later. We are now in the year 1750. At 12 o'clock in country town, a town of tarpaulins and the morning the anteroom of the townhouse Harry shuddered. "Patience, my of the right honorable friend. I know not how long I shall the Earl of Fylingdale was tolerably filled must go. There are reasons - let me

with a mixed company attending his

Soon after 12 o'clock the doors of the private apartments were thrown open, and his lordship appeared wearing the derstand - "a friend who would aplook of dignity and proud condescension combined which well became the star he wore and the ancient title which he had inherited. His age was friend?" about 30, a time of life when there linger some remains of youth and the serious responsibilities are yet with some men hardly felt. His face was cold and proud and hard, the lips firmly set, | card table, the society of the ladies- It the eyes keen and even piercing, the features regular, his stature tall, but may go there. She will, as usual, keep not ungainly; his figure manly. It was the bank if she does go." remarkable among those who knew him intimately that there was as yet no sign of luxurious living on face and ciety or her card table I know not. figure. He was not as yet swelled out with wine and punch; his neck was your hands. I leave it there confidently. For reasons-reasons of state-it still slender, his face pale, without any telltale marks of wine and debauchery. should be a character of"-So far as appearance goes, he might pass if he chose for a person of the most rigid and even austere virtue.

This, as I have said, was considered remarkable by his friends, most of point of expenditure." whom were already stamped on face and feature and figure with the outward and visible tokens of a profligate life, for, to confess the truth at the very beginning and not to attempt concealment or to suffer a false belief as regards this nobleman, he was nothing better than a cold blooded, pitiless, selfish libertine, a rake and a voluptuary, one who knew and obeyed no laws save the laws of (so called) honor. These laws allow a man to waste his fortune at the gaming table, to ruin contiding girls, to spend his time with rake companions in drink and riot and debauchery of all kinds. He must, I am no gambler, though I sometimes however, pay his gambling debts; he take a card." And he, too, retired. must not cheat at cards; he must be polite in speech; he must be ready to sock with bands of the whitest and a fight whenever the occasion calls for his sword and the quarret seems of sufficient importance. Lord Fylingdale, doubt if the archbishop himself had a however, was not amor those who found his chief pleasure scouring the streets and in mad riot You shall learn in due course what forms of

pleasure chiefly attracted him. in the country it would suit me hugely. I have said that his face was proud. There was not, I believe, any man living in the whole world who could compare with Lord Fylingdale for pride. An overwhelming pride sat upon his at great expense." brow, was proclaimed by his eyes and was betrayed by his carriage. With such pride did Lucifer look round upon abilities, but still at greater expense his companions, fallen as they were and in the depths of hopeless ruin.

He was dressed in a manner becoming to his rank. Need we dwell upon nity due to the position?" his coat of purple velvet, his embroidered waistcoat, his white silk stockings, his lace of ruffles and cravat, his time I have a small service to ask of gold buckles and his gold clocks, his you." laced bat carried under his arm, his jeweled sword hilt and the rings upon his fingers? You would think by his dress that his wealth was equal to his for me. pride, and by his reception of the suitors that his power was equal to both pride and wealth together.

The levee began. One after the other stepped up to him, spoke a few words, received a few words in reply and retired, each apparently well pleased. f promises cost nothing. To the poet on his heel, and his chaplain was diswho asked for a subscription and proffered a dedication my lord promised the former, accepted the latter and added a few words of praise and good into a chair. I know not the nature of glass. wishes. But the subscription was nev- his thoughts save that they were not er paid, and the dedication was afterward altered so far as the superscription to another noble patron. To the feet and rang the bell. "Tell Mr. Semclergyman who asked for a country ple that I would speak with him," he

living then vacant my lord promised the most kindly consideration and bade him write his request and send it him you have seen under a basting from the by letter for better assurance of remembrance. To the officer he promised better. He wore the dress of a poet. his company as only due to gallantry At this time he also called himself secand military skill. To the place hunter retary to his lordship. he promised a post far beyond the dreams and the hopes of the suppliant. his legs and playing with the tassel of Nothing more came of it to either.

The company grew thin. One after | ter"the other the suitors withdrew to feed on promises. It is like opening your mouth to drink the wind. But 'twas

all they got. When they were gone, Lord Fylingtary for six menths. I have therefore dale looked round the room. In the window stood, dangling a cane from his wrist, a gentleman dressed in the interests looked about me, and I dishighest and the latest fashion.

Yet when one looked more closely it that preamble." was seen that this gallant exterior arrayed an ancient gentleman whose years were proclaimed by the sharpening of his features, the wrinkles of his feet, the crow's feet round his eyes and that-your lordship will pardon the and his bending shoulders, which he plain truth-your lordship's credit cancontinually endeavored to set square and upright. Hat in one hand and most delicate point to a man of your snuffbox in the other, he ambled to- lordship's nice sense of honor-the onward his lordship on tiptoe, which hap- ly resource left is precarious." pened just then to be the fashionable

"Thy servant, Sir Harry." My lord offered him his hand with condescension. "It warms my heart to see thee. Therefore I sent a letter. Briefly, Sir Harry, wouldst do me a service?"

heiress, and you propose a plan"-"I have had the temerity to do so."

"Yes. Tell me once more about this girl and about her fortune."

"Her name is Molly Miller. She is



sailor who has taken the greatest care of her property. She was an helress already when her father died. That was 18 years ago. She is now 19."

"Is she passable-to look at? A holden with a high color, I warrant." "A cream colored complexion touched with red and pink, light hair in curls and blue eyes, the face and figure of a Venus, the sweetest mouth in the world and the fondest manner."

"Hang me if the fellow isn't in love April - "the assembly, the park, the with her himself! If she is all this, is possible that the Lady Anastasia man, why not apply yourself for the post of spouse?"

for a gentleman at least, for a nobleman he hopes."

"He is ambitious. Now as to her fortune.'

"She has a fleet of half a dozen tall vessels - nay, there are more, but I know not how many. I was formerly a clerk in a counting house of the town, and I learned a great deal-what each is worth and what the freight of each voyage may produce-but not all. The captain, her guardian, keeps things close. My lord, I can assure you from what I learned in that capacity and by looking into old books that she must be worth over £100,000, over £100,000!"

"I can take this fortune without your assistance."

"With submission, my lord, you cannot. I know too much. The girl's foryou please to Sir Harry Malyus or to tune when you have it will go the same gone. I'rovide for me, therefore, before you begin to spend that money." "I will give you a life position, with £200 a year. The girl, you say, has no on! They are dangerous."

lover." They will be strangers to you as well "She has no lover. Your lordship's rank, your manner, your appearance, will certainly carry the day. By contrast alone with the country bumpkins opening. They will lead the way." the heart of the girl will be won."

"Mr. Semple," his lordship yawned, "do you suppose that the heart of the girl concerns me? Go and complete your scheme."

The Lady Anastasia was in her dressing room in the hands of her friseur, the French hairdresser, and her maid. She was the young widow of an old baronet. She was also the daughter of an triving some devilry. What is it this earl and the sister of his successor. She therefore enjoyed the freedom of a never tell me." widow, the happiness natural to youth and all the privileges of rank. No woman could be happier. It was reported that her love of the card table had greatly impaired her income. The world said that her own private dowry

her jointure. She kept a small establishment in Mount street. Her people consisted of lady's maid, a housekeeper and three or four maids, with two chairmen. She not with such a cause." did not live as a rich woman. She received, it is true, twice a week, on Sundays and Wednesdays, but not with withdrew. any expense of supper and wine. Her friends came to play cards, and she held the bank for them. On other evenings she went out and played at

the houses of her friends. from my secretary." So my lord turned While the friseur was still completing her head Lord Fylingdale was announced. The lady blushed violently. She sat up and looked anxiously in the

"Betty," she cried, "a touch of red; not much, you clumsy creature! Will you never learn to have a lighter hand? ery moment. Finally he sprang to his So! That is better. I am horribly pale. His lordship can wait in the morning room. You have nearly finished, monsieur? Quick, then-the last touches! Betty, the flowered satin petticoat! My fan! The pearl necklace! So!" She looked again at the glass. "Am I look-

> ing tolerable, Betty?" "Your ladyship is ravishing," said Betty, finishing the toilet.

Lady Anastasia swam out of the room with a gliding movement, then souri river front near Fort Calhoun,

fectly charming."

The lady murmured something. She the truth, the preservation and perfect- five miles of snore was saved. ing of that beauty.

it to tell me that I look charming? Other men tell me as much in company."

though that is something. I come to I ship it in. I can control any running main column, Little Robe remarked gade that was falling back to a base tell you of a change of plans."

"You have heard that the grand jury City Journal.

"And so you tell me about the rustic of Middlesex has presented me by name as a corrupter of innocence, and I know not what, because I hold my bank on Sunday nights?"

"I have heard something of the matter. It is almost time, I think, to give It Was In 1878, and In the Next Year paration for the next day's hunt. Ev these presumptuous shopkeepers a lesson not to interfere with the pursuits of persons of rank. Let them confine themselves to the prentices who play of \$15,000 for the protection and pre- rie country, and along about 11 o'clock at pitch and toss."

"Oh, what matters their presentchanged?"

going to Tunbridge in July."

"Well, shall we not go there?" fided in anybody."

"Except in you. I think you know you know, I assure you, as much about big game in the Yellowstone. my personal affairs as I know myself." ly!" Her eyes became humid, but not soon after the passage of his bill he column charged at full speed on the tearful. A lady of fashion must not stated that he was the happiest man in buffalo, shooting them down on every spoil her cheek by tears.

know of the condition of my affairs fencing off a part of the Yellowstone so, when, tiring of the sport I turned no one better. An opportunity presents Park and caring for the buffalo there- back. itself to effect a great improvement. I in, but this mater has already been reasons connected with this proposal I place. will be next month."

"To leave town and in May, just before the end of the season?"

be a bad exchange."

should I go there?" "By letting the people, the county people, understand the many virtues

and graces which distinguish my character. No one knows me better than yourself"-The lady smiled. "No one," she mur-

mured.

of our friends there-the parson, Sir Harry, the colonel." "Pah, a beggariy crew and blown up-"Not at this quiet and secluded town.

as to me. And they will be useful. After all, in such a place you need an The lady made no response. "I may call it settled, then?" He still held her hand. "If you would

rather not go, Anastasia, I will find some one else, but I had hoped"-She drew away her hand. "You are right," she said. "No one knows you so well as myself. And all I know about you is that you are always contime? But you will not tell me. You

"Anastasia, you do me an injustice. This is a purely political step."

"As you will. Call it what you please. I am your servant, you know that; your handmaid in all things save one. Not for any other woman, Ludowas wholly gone and a large part of vick, not for any other unfortunate woman, will I lift my little finger. Should you betray me in this respect"-He laughed. "A woman? And in no more than two footmen, a butler, a that company? Rest easy, dear child. Be jealous as much as you please, but

He touched her cheek with his finger. He stooped and kissed her hand and

Lady Anastasia stood awhile where he left her. The joy had gone out of her heart. She trembled. She was seized with a foreboding of evil. She threw herself upon the sofa and buried her face in her hands, and, forgetful of paste and patch and paint, she suffered the murderous tears to destroy that work of art, her finished face.

HE CHANGES RIVER COURSES.-David Neal, of Fort Calhoun, Neb., is engaged in the work of changing the course of the rear, and commanding the party All inhabitants of the inclosed region the Missouri river at a point near Boon- were two Indians, who although they ville, where the stream threatens the tracks of the Missouri Pacific railway. to direct the hunt by reason of their company has been corralled and the world. The work is being done under the su-reputation and skill as hunters. I had troops are a fairly solid line about it, pervision of the company's engineer.

Mr. Neal, who is past 68 years old, is character before, and this custom of der of the thieves and trouble makers. the inventor of what is known as electing two men to direct operations If this surrender is not promptly made "brush rip-rapping." He owns 1,500 was something new to me. I learned there will be no "kill and burn order, acres of valuable land along the Mis- that in the event an Indian killed any yet there is a vague notion that as Mr. the fashion, and entered the morning and twelve years ago the current on mission to do so from these masters of didin'." room, where Lord Fylingdale awaited his side of the stream commenced to the hun; he was forthwith stripped of cut away his land at a fearful rate. He all his clothing and belongings, his discovered no such desperate courage "Anastasia!" he said softly, taking spent considerable money trying to horse killed and himself driven out of as is shown by our Indians in their her hand. "It is very good of you to save his property, and finally figured the party for the offence that he had battles. In one or two engagements see me alone. I feared you would be it out for himself. He made large cone- thus committed. The members of an with the red men things like this have surrounded with courtiers and fine la. shaped wooden frames fifteen feet in Indian hunting party place implicit been attempted; but the Indians rediameter, and these he covered with a reliance and faith in the judgment and fused to be meekly driven in. They dressers and other baboons. Permit heavy layer of heavy nails and wire, sagacity of those whom they elect on stood on their rights and blazed into me," and he raised her hand to his lips. When the huge cone was thus covered, an occasion of this sort, and they obey the advancing lines with muzzle load-"You look divine this morning. It is it was rolled into the river and anchor- them as the peasants of Russia do the ers, revolvers and any other weapons long since I have seen you look so pereded. The result was that it soon filled czar. with mud. This was the first noticeable impediment in the big stream, and reservation were uneventful, but on the until the grass had been dewed with

was one of those women who like the dike was extended fifty feet into morning of the third I saw a bear, and expensive blood. But we can rely on above all things to hear praises of the water. Within three months' time later a few antelope, and being anx- the Filipinos not to do this. They may what most they prize, their beauty, and the channel of the river was thrown to lous to try my luck, I sent word by Lit- be as willing to kill as the Indians are to believe what they most desire to be the opposite side, and land along over the Robe, an Indian with whom I hap-"That encouraged me to go into the masters for permission for him and me tomary to stab in the back in the dark "But you came to see me alone. Was business," said Mr. Neal last night, to take a little hunt along a stream, as it is to fight face to face in the light. "and I have been in it ever since, doing the course of which we were then fol- Suppose, however, that our men had work for the government. I have ma- lowing. This being granted, we went miscalculated the strength of the bandchinery for making the cones, or frames out and succeeded in bagging three its. Suppose that instead of a handful

Miscellaneous Rending.

THE LAST BUFFALO HUNT.

servation of the American bison, or we sighted an enormous herd of buffalo, buffalo, is now a law. This was a part feeding along the top of a plateau. We ment? I shall continue to keep the of the original bill drawn up and pro- rode around the base of this rising bank on Sunday nights. Now, my dear posed by "Buffalo" Jones, of Topeka, ground, sending every now and then lord, what about these plans? What is Kan., providing for an appropriation of some one to the top to glance over and "We thought, you remember, about portion of the Yellowstone Park with herd. At last we circled around until play faro. His name was Bertram. He \$30,000 for fencing and restocking a see how near we were drawing to the buffalo. It also called for the estab- we were quite close to them when one lishment of an experimental station for of the hunt masters gave a short, quick "Perhaps. But there is something to cross-breeding various animals of dif- order that brought the column up be done first. Let me confide in you" - ferent genera, with a view to obtain- abreast, in which fashion we rode to "My dear lord, you have never con- ing breeds of sheep, goats and cattle the top of the rise and in full view capable of enduring the western winters without shelter or feeding. The all my secrets, if I have any. In whom experiment station part of the bill was else can I confide? In the creatures killed and the \$30,000 was cut down to about until he saw our party, and set who importune me for places? In \$15,000, but even in the shape that it off at a slow, rolling gallop. This, friends of the green table? In friends finally passed it will result in a great however, was only for an instant, for of the race course? My dear Anastasia, deal of good and in the protection of as we drew up to the crest of the rise

"If you would always speak so kind- Saturday, and when seen by a reporter both hunt masters and away the whole "Well, then, the case is this: You who shall have charge of the work of my share of the shooting, for a mile or

many sportsmen-'tis a sporting coun- Indian interpreter, under Agent John inches. ty-may be expected to lay their mon- D. Miles, at the Cheyenne and Arapaey. In a word, Anastasia, it will not hoe agency, in the Indian Territory. The Cheyennes had some time previous hase by the Indians, who were as hap- back to the reservation. py as a lot of boys out skating. The

> agency the day after Mr. Miles receiv- themselves for days on juicy steaks ed word from the war department that and tongues. I undertook to follow the Indians might take the hunt num- the Indian custom on such occasions of bered about 400. There were 90 Cheyenne bucks, 15 Arapahoe bucks and 300 ing some meat in each, but had to quit squaws, all mounted on swift-footed after visiting three places. The endur-Indian ponies. The men, of course, did ance of the Indian ponies in traveling the hunting and the killing, while the long distances under heavy loads was squaws went along to do the skinning as surprising as the storage capacity and cutting up the meat, and such oth- of their masters when it came to er drudgery as their lords and masters feast of buffalo meat. considered beneath their dignity. I was detailed by Mr. Miles to accom- learn, was the last great buffalo hunt pany the party as their guardian and ever held in the United States. The protector, and to see to it that the setlers did not mistake or misunderstand ment of the west so reduced the herds their mission and give them trouble, that after 1878 the number of buffalo for in order to reach the buffalo, we in the west was very small, indeed. It had to pass through a section of Kan- was the last buffalo hunt ever taken sas that, for western country of that by the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, for day and time, was fairly well popula- although they sent out scouts the year ted. I took with me six cavalry men, following, they returned with word a big army wagon, a driver and a cook. that the number of animals they found "I had a list of the names of the In- were not worth going after."-Washdians that formed the hunting party ington Post. that I had to turn in to the war department, along with my report, when we returned, and one of the first things Rabbit Hunting Way of Fighting that had to be done just before we started was to read and check off this roll, each and every Indian in the party answering as his name was called. copied by our army in the Philippines. Although the Indians numbered only There is one district that has been 405, they took with them 1,000 ponies troubled more than is fair by bandits to carry the meat which they expected and brown Washingtons, and the in the United States than in most other to kill, back to the reservation, and in army, seeing no better way, has deorder also to have fresh horses when they reached the hunting grounds, and rabbit hunters in Colorado have been than is the case with other, and espein addition to all this, they took along doing. A cordon of troops inclosing an what seemed to me about 2,000 mangy, area of something like 12 square miles in most cases now produce their own

wolfish Indian dogs. held no office in the tribe, were chosen ter of the pen, and when the whole never attended a buffalo hunt of this the officers will demand the surrengame without first securing the per- Devery put it, "there'll be somethin'

pened to be riding, to one of the hunt view it is honorable, and it is as cus-"Not altogether that, dear lady, and if the necessary brush is not handy antelope. On our way back to join the of men they were rounding up a bristream in the United States."-Kansas that he was hungry, and cutting open of supplies? Well, then there would be people. There is no man ever any betone of the antelopes, he took out the "somethin' didin'," too.

liver and began eating it. On the fourth day the masters of the hunt sent out runners, who returned the day fol-

lowing with buffalo meat. "That night we spent in busy pre There Were But Few to Be ery buck took a fresh horse, and when morning dawned we were in the saddle The bill providing an appropriation and on the move. It was rolling praiof the animals.

"As we did so, I could see one buffalo after another throw up his head, look the order that all were eager for and Col. Jones arrived in the city last expecting rang out simultaneously from Washington. The bill does not say side. I rode on with the rest, doing

"On my way back to camp I met the am invited by the highest personage to settled by the department of the inte-squaws skinning and cutting up the take a more active part in the affairs of rior inviting Col. Jones to take charge animals that the males had killed and state. No one is to know this. For of the work and by his accepting the which were lying about everywhere. We remained among the buffalo for am to visit a certain town-a trading Mr. Jones was accompanied on this two weeks, before we thought of retown, a town of rough sailors—there his last visit to the capital by Mr. A. turning, killing in all a total of 1,000 would be lovers and destines his ward to conduct certain inquiries. There is W. Stubbs, of Kansas City, Mo., who is animals. One of the curious things to be a gathering at this town of the very much interested in the enterprise that I saw on this trip was an old bufgentry and people of the county. Would and in all efforts toward the preserva- falo with a deformed right front hoof, you like to go, my dear friend? It tion of American game animals and that one of the Indians had killed. He who enjoys the distinction of having had been shot and wounded in this hoof attended the last great buffalo hunt when he was quite young, and one side ever held in the United States. In of the cloven hoof had grown in a cir-"There will be opportunities, I am 1878 Mr, Stubbs, who speaks a number cle completely around the other to the told, of holding a bank, and a good of Indian languages, was stationed as length of fully a foot and several

"When we were about ready to re turn the squaws began loading the meat on the ponies, and I was sur "And how can I help you? Why to this date September, 1878, been in prised to see what an enormous load rebellion and were then prisoners of these hardy little animals could carry. war and not allowed to leave the reser- It seemed to me that they would load vation, but when the news reached the the meat of one buffalo on these poagency that a large herd of buffalo had nies, a weight of fully 400 or 500 been seen on the plains some 100 miles pounds. I have seen these ponies loadto the west of that point, the Indians ed so heavily that they had to stand were so eager for a big hunt that Agent braced with their legs standing out Miles was finally prevailed upon to tel- like a tripod in order to support the -"or can speak with greater authority egraph to the war department for per- frightful burden imposed by their unon the subject. There will be certain mission. The request being granted, feeling masters. Then on top of this river front where his impecunious

"When we got back to the agency story of how the hunt was conducted the squaws set about cutting the meat and its result, Mr. Stubbs relates as up into long thin strips and drying it for future use. The indians also held "The hunting party that left the a big feast of fresh meat, gorging going from one tepee to another, eat-

"That, so far as I have been able to Pacific railroads and the rapid settle-

WESTERN METHODS IN LUZON. the Filipinos.

Hunters in the west will be interested to find that their methods have been cided on a round up. It will do as the has been created, and this line will sugar from beets. "According to Indian custom, the slowly draw inward, the distance bemen rode first, the squaws bringing up tween the men parrowing at every step. will be compelled to retire to the cen-

In dealing with Filipinos we have they had been able to buy and steal, "The first two days after we left the and the final round up was not made but they are treacherous and in their

JUDGE'S LAST GAME AT FARO. Played to Win \$10,000-A Friend Waiting to Commit Suicide If He

"The other day when I was in Phildelphia" said a New York man. "I was told how one of their millionaires, Peter A. B. Widener, walked the streets of Philadelphia all night once with \$10,-000 in his pocket, wondering how he was going to invest it so as to double it. Now, I'll teil you a story of anoth-

er man who walked all night. "A judge of a county court in the upper end of my state came to town to used to come to my town and go up against it for a week at a stretch. He was usually a winner.

"The night I have in mind Judge Bertram met an old friend who had been running down at the heel financially until he looked like a cripple. He frescoed his story up pretty well to the judge, who was a peculiar combination. When Bertram was a winner at fare he would divide his pile with any friend; but he would let the same friend starve before he would help him until he had shaken the bank, as he put it when he won. His unfortunate friend told him he was going to jump into the river that night unless he got some help. The faro bank was on the upper floor of a building that stood facing the river. Bertram said to the

"'You go down on the levee and walk up and down until I give you a signal that I have made a winning. If I shake the bank, you'll get some of the dust. If you don't see me signal, jump into the river. You are no good without money, anyway.'

"It was a bargain and they separated, the judge to win or lose, his friend to win or die. "All night the judge won and lost alternately. Sometimes he had stacks of reds and blue so high tnat they cast a shadow on the dealer's box; sometimes he had a few measly whites on a card which looked like a poor relation.

"Meanwhile the man on the river front was walking, looking at the dark flow of the water like the poor unfortunate in Hood's 'Bridge of Sighs;' anon glancing up at the windows in the gambling room. A terrific thundershower broke over the town and still the man walked along the riverfront until he was drenched to the marrow in his shivering bones.

"In the gray of the morning, with sheets of rain still falling upon the scene, Judge Bertram left the game, a \$10,000 winner, and walked down to the

"'I expected to find you in the river,' said the judge. 'I didn't signal,

because I made it all in a heap.' "'If it hadn't been for the rain,' said his friend, 'I might have jumped, but I said to myself, 'What's the use, you are already wet through and if the rain keeps on you'll drown on land.'

"The judge called a hack and the two drove to the best hotel in town and had breakfast. They left town together. A year later they owned one of the biggest cattle ranches in Colorado. "It was the judge's last game; and it was the last time his friend ever did any walking. Bertram is dead, but his partner has interests stretching across the continent, in Hawaii and Japan .-New York Sun.

TROPICS AT OUR DOORS .- Americans live better, perhaps, than the people of any other part of the world. They are not content with the products of their own country, but draw largely upon the tropics for condiments and delicacies that add to the pleasures of the table. The increase in the contributions of the tropics to the daily life of man has been general throughout the countries where prosperity or an activity in manufacturing and commerce is the rule, but it seems to be especially marked in the United States, which now imports more than \$1,000,-000 worth of tropical and subtropical foodstuffs and raw materials every day in the year.

The increased reliance upon the tropics is probably greater, proportionately, of our sugar is drawn from the tropics cially the European, countries, which

The United States have during recent years consumed nearly one-half of the cane sugar of the world which enters into international commerce, and more than one-half of the coffee of the

In the year just ended the importations of goods usually considered as of tropical or sub-tropical production amounted to \$400,000,000, or considerably more than \$1,000,000 for every day in the year, including Sundays and holidays, while 30 years ago they amounted to but \$143,000,000 or less than \$400,-000 per day.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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