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A Romance of the Days When the Lord Redeemed the Children of Israel From the Bondage of Egypt

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CHAPTER XXXI.

THE LADY MINIAM SENT. the ensuing day Kenkenes had no very distinct memory. Very way distinct memory. Very mained-a recollection of of white upthrown arms and e of a comber cloud of hair

the const some distance, for the began to surrender its dead. Of the and method of the removal he removal he removal he removal to the encampalled several incidents. He and while leaning in a semi-ness condition against some house-man he was discovered by the who was none other than the som of Judah, his assistant in reh for Rachel in Pa-Ramous. an's honest jey over Kankenes' was good to look upon. A few of explanation concerning his The Hebrew's wife had a moth-ing the Hebrew's wife had a moth-ing heart, and the weary face of the make youth touched it. Therefore she imply the third with an in the standard of her tent trainings where he might sleep till that time the family shelter could be at exhaustica were fruitful

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of he who found Jebovah to

see to remember

"Thou hast repaid me with the flat-

tery of thy remembrance, Lad, Miriam," he replied. "Thy speech publishes thee as no-

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" she went on calmly. "Thy name?"

under tent," she said, indicat-

pavilion of new cloth reared not from the quarters of Moses. "Rethither and await till I send to kenes turned toward the tent. A

w at the entrance lifted the side at a word and signed him to en-

interior was not yet fully furad A rug of Memphian weave ed the sand, and a taboret was aced in the center.

atly the serving man entered with a lavor of me water and an Isities robe fringed and bound at wage with blue. With the dish and adroitness of one long used personal service he attended the ing Egyptian and dressed him in stately garments of his own peo-When his service was complete ok up the bowl and castoff dress

After a time be brought in a couchthe divan, dressed it with fringed linand strewed it with cushions. Next suspended a cluster of lamps from be center pole, set a tiny inlaid table se to the couch and on the table put bottle of wine and a beaker and the last a heap of fine rugs and coverings, which he laid in one corner. The teut was furnished, and nobly. The man bowed before Kenkenes, awaiting the Egyptian's further pleasere, but at a sign from the young nan bowed again and retired.

Presently some one entered behind m. He arose and turned. Before im was the most welcome picture his eaved eyes could have looked upon. His visitor was all in shimmering white and wore no ornament except a collar of golden rings. What need of further adornment when she was mantled and crowned with a glory of goldon bair? Except that the face was marble white and the eyes dark and large with quiet sorrow, it was the ame divinely beautiful Rachel.

It may have been that he was beyond the recuperative influence of sudden y or that the unexpected restoration of his love might have swept away his forces had he been in full strength, but whatever the cause Kenkenes sank to his knees and forward into the eager arms flung out to receive him. Her cry of great joy seemed to come to him

"Kenkenes! Oh, my love! Not dead;

Then it was he learned that she had despaired, grieving beyond any comfort, for she had counted him with the firstborn of Egypt. And even though thoughts came to him but slowly now he said to himself:

Fraise God, I did not think of it, or I had gone distracted with her trou-

How rich woman love is in solicitude and ministering resource! It made Rachel strong enough to raise him and,

tly to lay him down among the cushions. The wine was at her hand, and she filled the beaker and held it while be drank. Then she kissed him and, hiding her face in his breast, wept soft tears. And, though he held her very close and had in his heart a great longing to soothe her, he could not speak.

After a little she spoke. "I had not dreamed that there was such artifice in Miriam. She told me of nobleman that had served God in Israel and was in need of comfort in his tent. But she bridled her tongue and governed her expression so cunningly that I did not dream the here was mine-mine!"

Then on a sudden she disengaged herself from his arms and, gaining her feet, cried out with her hands over her blushing face:

"And now I know why she and Hur -oh, I know why they came with me and brought me to the tent!"

"Nay now; may I not guess also?" Kenkenes laughed, though a little puzsled over her evident confusion. "They had a mind to peep and spy upon our lovemaking. Perchance they are without this instant. Come hither and let as not disappoint them."

She dropped her hands and looked at him with flaming cheeks and smiling eyes. There was more in her look than be could fathom, but he did not puzzle longer when she came back to her place and hid her face away from him. It is the love of riper years that makes the lips of lovers silent. But Kenkenes and Rachel were very young and wholly demonstrative, and they had need of many words to supplement the testimony of caresses. They had much to tell, and they left no avowa mma le.

But at last Kenkenes' voice wearied and Blackel noted it. So in her pretty authoritative way she stroked his lashes down and bade him sleep. When she removed her hands and clasped them above his head, his eyes did not open.

As she bent over him she noted with a great sweep of tenderness how young be was. In all her relations with Kenkenes she had seen him in the manifest roles. She had depended upon him. looked up to him, and had felt secure in his protection. Now she contemplated a face from which content had erased the mature lines that care bad drawn. The curve of his lips, the length of the drooping lashes, the roundness of cheek and the softness of throat were youthful—boyish. With this enlightenment her love for him experienced a transfiguration. She seemed to grow older than he; the maternal element leaped to the forc, their positions were instantly reversed. It was hers to care for him!

After a long time his arms relaxed about her, and she undid them and disposed them in easy position. Lifting the fillet from his brow, she smoothed out the mark it had made and settled the cushions more softly under his head. From the heap of coverings she took the amplest and the softest and spread it over him. Remembering that the wind from the sea blew shrewdly at night, she laid rugs about the edges of the tent, which fluttered in the breeze, and returned again to his side.

After another space of rapt contemplation of his unconscious face she went forth and drew the entrance together behind her.

The next daybreak was the happiest Israel had known in a hundred years. Egypt, overthrown and humbled, was behind them; God was with them, and Canaan was just ahead—perhaps only beyond the horizon. Few but would have laughed at the glory of Babylonia, Assyria and the great powers.

For had it not been promised that out of Israel nations should be made and kings should come?

The march was to be taken up immediately, and in the cool of the morning the host was ready to advance.

Rachel had not permitted herself to be seen until the tent of Miriam was struck. She knew that Kenkenes was without, waiting for her, and with the delightful inconsistency of maidenhood she dreaded while she longed to meet her beloved again. And when the moment arrived she slipped across the open space to the camel that was to bear her into Canaan, but in the shadow of the faithful creature Kenkenes overtook her and folded her in his arms.

"A blessing on thee, my sweet! And am blessed in having thee once more.

"Didst thou sleep well?" she asked.

"Most industriously, since I made ip what I lost and overlapped a little. And yet I was abroad at dawn prowling about thy tent lest thou shouldst flee me once again. Rachel"—his voice sobered, and his face grew serious-"Rachel, wilt thou wed me this day?"

"If it were only 'aye' or 'nay' to be said I should have said it long ago," she answered, with averted eyes, "but there are many things that thou shouldst know, Kenkenes, before thou demandest the answer from me."

"Name them, Rachel," he said submissively, "but let me say this first: Mine eyes are not mystic, but most truthfully can I tell this moment which of us twain will rule over my tent."

"And thou art ready for the tent and shepherd life of Israel?" she asked gravely, but before he could answer she went on:

"Hear me first So tender hest then having led him back to the divan, gen- i been of me, so much hast thou sacri-

ficed for my sake, that it were unkind to bind thee to me in the lifelong sacrifice and lifelong hardships that I may know. Thine enemy and mine is dead, and Egypt rid of him. There is much in Egypt , prosper thee; there thy state is high, there thou hast opportunity and wealth. Israel can offer thee God and me. Even the faith thou couldst keep in Egypt, so thou wert watchful. And, further, thou art the murket's son, and building takes the place of carving for thee now. But here, O Kenkenes, thou must lay thy chisel down forever, for the faith of the multitude, so newly weaned from idolatry, is too feeble to be tried with the sight of images."

Kenkenes heard her with a passive countenance. She gave him news indeed-facts of a troublous nature, but he held his peace and let her proceed.

"And this yet further. Once in that time when I was a slave and thou my master and loved me not"-

His dark eyes reproached her. "Didst love me, then, of a truth? But t matters not, and yet," coming closer to him, "It matters much! In that time ere thou hadst told me so we talked of. Canaan, thou and I. I boasted of it, being but newly filled with it and freshly come from Caleb, who taught us. Then Israel was enslaved and not yet so vastly helped by Jehovah. But alas! I have seen Israel freed, and, attended by its God and by the tokens of its conduct, Israel is far, far from Canaan. I am of Israel and whosoever weds with me will be of Israel likewise. It may not be that I shall escape my people's sorrows. Shall I bring them upon thy head also, my Kenkenes?"

After a little he answered, sighing. "Thou dost not love me, Rachel." "Kenkenes!"

"Aye, I have said. Thou wouldst send me away from thee, back into Egypt."

thee know thy heart. I would not have thee choose blindly. I do but sacrifice myself," she cried, panic stricken. 'And yet thou wouldst deny me that same delight of sacrifice. Can I not

"Oh, seest thou not? I would have

surrender for thee as well?" She drooped her head and did not an-

"Ah, thou speakest of the benefits of Egypt," he continued. "What were



From that moment I have been thy wife!"

Expt without thee save a great darkness haunted and vacant? Besides, there is no Egypt beyond this sea. She hath risen and crossed with Israel-all her beauty and her glory and her beneficence. For thou art Egypt and shalt be to me all that I loved in

He took her hands.

"Why may I not as justly doubt thy knowledge of thy heart?" he asked

Seeing that she surrendered, he persisted no further in his protest. When wilt thou wed me, my love?"

She drew back from him a little, though she willingly left her hands where they were, and Kenkenes, noting the flush of her cheeks, the pretty gravity of her brow and the well known air she assumed when she discoursed, smiled and said fondly to himself: "By the signs, I am to be taught

something more.'

"Thou knowest, my Kenkenes," she began, "the Hebrews are married simply. There are feasting and dancing, and the bride is taken to the house of her father-in-law. Thereafter there is still much feasting, but the wedding of the bride."

"I hear," said Kenkenes when she

"I am without kindred, thou art here without house. There can be no wedding feast for us, nor dancing nor singing, for Israel is on the march." "Of a truth," Kenkenes assented.

"So there is only the essential portion of the ceremony left to us-the home bringing of the bride."

"It is enough," said Kenkenes. "Hur and Miriam brought me to thy Passenger Train Collides With Engine tent last night."

With his face lighting, Kenkenes drew her to him and put his arm about "So if thou wilt we shall say-that-

from-that moment"-Her voice grew lower, her words more unready and failed altogether. "From that moment," he said eagerly, reassuring her. "From that mo-

"From that moment I have been thy

TO BE CONTINUED.

GERMAN TRAITOR ARRESTED.

Secrets to French.

Berlin, Aug. 29.—A sergeant of the 23d artillery has been arrested at try near Hobbysville since the killing. Coblentz charged with high treason He sent word to Deputy Sheref White in selling to French agents the secret to come for him. Officer White left Other arrests are

RICHARD MANSFIELD DEAD,

The Great Actor Succumbs After a Long Illness-He Was the Greatest Actor Since Booth's Day.

New London, Conn., Aug. 30,-Richard Mansfield, the actor, died at his summer home here early today of disease of the liver and other complications. He has been ill ever since he broke down at Scranton while playing Pere Glynt. He sought rest. first in New York and then in Europe. Failing to find relief he returned to this country. His condition has been reported as improved, but a change for the worse set in about three days ago, and since then he has been confined to his room. Just prior to death he was in a state of

coma, from which he did not rally. No funeral arrangements have vet been made.

Mr. Mansfield was born in Heligoland in 1857. He first studied to be an artist, but gave it up to go on the

Yesterday there were fears for the worst and Dr. McClellan of Pittsburg, who had previously been attending him, was hurriedly summoned by Dr. Allen, the local attending physician. who said this morning there were conditions about the case which prevented his ever getting well.

At the bedside were his wife, his brother, Felix, and his young son, Gibbs. One of Mansfield's greatest success-

es was his appearance as Cyrano de Bergerac. He created many famous parts, notably Beau Brummell.

#### Mansfield's Funeral.

New London, Conn., Aug. 31.-Telegrams and cables messages from all parts of the world continue to pour in to Mrs. Mansfield today, expressing sympathy at the death of her husband. None of them are give out. Funeral will be held on Monday and will be simple.

#### Lincoln and Davis.

As will be seen in the dispatches. Mrs. Hayes, the daughter of Jefferson Davis, referring to the assassination of President Lincoln, says:

"I was a small child at the time. and, like most southern children, I looked upon Lincoln as the arch enemy of my country: As the servants by a big Nubian lion yesterday died and guards around us were thought- today from her injuries. ssly rejoicing I ran to my father to me that this terrible deed was done lungs with his huge claws. The beast by a crazy man, who, no doubt. thought he was the savior of the south, but was really her worst ene-

"'Always remember, my little daughter, no wrong can ever be made a right,' he said. 'The south does not wish her rights to come through dastardly murders, but through fair

"Then he sighed heavily, and said: "This is the bitterest blow that could have ben dealt to the southern cause. Lincoln was a just man, and would have been fair and generous in his treatment of the southern people His successor is a man we can expect nothing from."

It was impossible for a man like Mr. Davis to believe in assassination. and he was not a fool. No man knew better than he that the death of Lincoln and the manner of his taking off was a calamity to the south. If the north had been sane at the time it would have known that Mr. Davi. had no part in and no sympathy with the stupid and terrible crime of the miserable madman who slew him, and that no southern leader or intelligent southern citizen approved the crime. The offer of a large reward for the arrest of Mr. Davis and other Confederate leaders alleged to have been in a conspiracy to assassinate ceremony is done at the home bringing | Lincoln was but a manifestation of the violent excitement and isane folly and passion of the hour. Where was the intelligent southerner who would not have infinitely preferred Abraham Lincoln to Andrew Jackson as president? Certainly Mr. Davis did .-Nashville American.

#### WRECK ON SOUTHERN.

-Thirty Passengers Injured.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 29.-Passenger train No. 41 on the Southern railway collided with an engine on the westbound main line in this city at 11 o'clock this morning, damaging both engines and the combination car. Thirty persons were injured, some

#### SENT FOR AN OFFICER.

Negro Who Had Killed a Man in Spartanburg Gives Himself Up.

Spartanburg, Aug. 29.-Will Pearson, colored, was lodged in jail this A Sergeant Accused of Selling Army afternoon on the charge of killing Bus Rocks, at Hobbysville. Pearson had been in the section of the countructions given to terman officers. here this morning for Hobbysville and I had no trouble in getting the prisoner.

ANARCHY IN MOROCCO.

Tangier, Aug. 31 .- Cut-throat bandits are now threatening almost every town of consequence in Morocco. With practically no police protection the deperadoes have things as they want them. Conditions are growing worse steadily. Numerous robberies have occurred on the border.

#### BRIDGE GOES DOWN.

Two Mules Killed and Two Others Injured.

Spartanburg, Aug 27 .- Tae bridge across Fair Forest creek, about three-quarters of a mile from the city limits, went down this afternoon about 2 o'clock with four mules, a stationary engine and two colored men. Two of the mules were killed and two injured. The colored men escaped injury. One of the men who was along with the outfit is named Pickenpack, a well known colored man, and he came to the city, reported the accident to T. R. Trimmier. who owned the mules and engine.

#### ANARCHY IN MOROCCO.

Reported Assassination of Sultan Generally Credited.

London, Aug. 28.-The danger of a reign of anarchy throughout Morocco is imminent as the result of a report that Sultan Abdul Aziz has been assassinated. The report is generally credited, as it is realized that the followers of the new Sultan have a powerful incentive to put Abdul Aziz out of the way as a bid for the favor of the newly proclaimed ruler.

#### PRINCE VISITS PRESIDENT.

Prince Wilhelm of Sweedin Goes to Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 28 .- Prince Wilhelm of Sweden paid his respects to President Roosevelt today, after which he returned to New York Tonight he will begin to see the big town, leaving for West Point Mon-

#### KILLED BY LION.

Pittsburg Woman Dies From Injuries Inflicted by Escaped Lion.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 28.-Mrs. Anna R. Hucks, aged 68, who was attacked

The lion escaped from his cage in with what I supposed would be good Luna Park and pounced on the womnews to him. He gravely and gently an, tearing her clothes and lacerating took me in his arms and explained her breat and all but piercing her was finally killed after 200 bullets had been fired into his body.

> The last surviving chief of the once famous Sioux Indians. Chief Good Voice, eighty-three years old, is dying in his tepee on Oak Creek, Meyer Count; South Dakota. He is the only Indian chief who has always stood for good gvernment, and has made eight trips to Washington in the interest of his race.

The Grand Duke Constantine, of Russia, is said to be the most cultured of all the Romanoffs. He is the most enthusiastic and intelligent student of Shakespeare in Russia. He has traslated a number of Shakespeare's plays into Russian, and has also acted in amateur theatricals at his palace, in "Hamlet," essaying the principal tole. The Grand Duke owns a library composed entirely of editions of Shakespeare.

#### CZAR VISITS HIS CAPITAL.

Nicholas, Who Has Not Ventured Into St, Petersburg in Two Years, Will Take the Risk To-Morrow.

St. Petersburg. Aug. 31 .- Czai Nicholas will pay his first visit to St Petersburg in two years to-morrow, the occasion being the dedication of the church erected to the memory of his grandfather, Emperor Alexander II, who was assassinated by a bomb thrower in March, 1861. The greatest precautions have been taken to guard the Czar during his visit.

Prof. Jeremiah W. Jenks, of Cornell University, a member of the United States immigration commission, is on a tour of the Canadian northwes investigating the matter of American immigration in Canda.



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