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hen Noah was sailing his arque sever wathed out after darque; He knew if he did The world would be rid the builder of that noble barque.

tonce, just by way of a larque, landed in a mighty big sharque; The prove this is true The remains you can view the labe shore, just do Farque. ains you can view shore, just down by Hyds

A PESSIMIST'S SONG.

BY ROBERT TULER TOOMES.

is worth living for, anyway?

rand wine, and woman and song—
re is the lot; they are all fools' toys.
ale of right and we prate of wrong,
ignorance craves till knowledge cloys.

rand women while sought are dear, e tasted, bright wine leaves pain be

weetest love-song wearies the earlife is cruck, and death is kind.

# Elfenstein's Mission

# Remarkable Romance.

BY EMILY THORNTON.

CHAPTER III-Continuet. that ga-ment came there in that on, or how that dagger left the his dressing bureau, ever re-a mystery to Fitzroy Glenden-

ha could conclude, after the deepdifferent observations after the deep-dy, was that some unknown ened dstruck the fatal blow, and after it these articles from his private hal left the dagger purposely the floor, and returned the torn loody gown to the closet, in order cursuspi ion upon him, and thus themselves.

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make a long story short, in due he tral took place, and Sir Regtiendenning, who had succeeded title testified to the bitter feeling ad existed between the brothers, so identified the dagger and dress-so identified the dagger and dress-wan as blonging to the prisoner.

none Duval testified as fully to the tening language used to the ded, on the day previous to the mury his brother.

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although freed by law, the popuinion remained unchanged, and, To endure the cold, averted looks former friends, he left his home mbarked for America under an as-

wing in New York, the strain of at he had undergone so told upon ons system that he was laid upon severe illness.

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ben it was that your father sought out and nursed him so tenderly. his recovery, he resolved to devote lif to business, and thus forget his feat and misfortunes. High she and misfortunes high she and to mend with him after had business prospered, and before cars passed away speculation had triched him that he found himself essessor of millions. Himself in a quiet way. But ill-himself in a quiet way. But ill-histed him; a stroke of paralysis red one side comparatively help while the asthma, which he had subject to for many years, increased hile the asthma, which he bject to for many years, increa

larming extent.

ing all this time one wild wish has
s, and that was to solve the myshis hrother's fate, and so clear
good name of the unjust suspiat still clung to it.

object was, before this, to have d to his native place, in some dis-sud so work unknown toward the diskment of this desired end.

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"here interrupted the amazed "there must be some mistake. lawyer, simply a physician, and what can I do?" "Thing. We think far more than r," ropied Mr. tiray. "Of course and have to sell your practice in rick and settle in England. There, wing physician, you would gain go my would gain go my would gain that I by Ja.es where he one else and could study the characters of 100r.

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bride, Miss Constance, and they
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we will still call him, will pay you have the still call him, will pay you have the still five horsested per annure shall be yours as long as he lives, and at his dark you will fit successful, by munificently rewarded, as his will, still unsigned, can testify.

"Are your willing to save him as he

cently, rewariset, as his war, signed, can testify.

"Are you willing to serve him as he wishes? Will you undertake the task of clearing his good name of the foul aspersions cast upon it?"

There was a long pause, during which the pale face of the invalid seemed to grow a shade paler under his eager gaze, At length the silence was broken by Dr. Elfenstein, who said, in a calm, steady tone:

steady tone:

"I will undertake it."

"Thank you," murmured the sick man, as he reached forth his hand to clasp that of his visitor. "May God bless your

as he reached forth his hand to classy
that of his visitor. "May God bless your
efforts!"

"Amen!" was the low response. "I,
am sure He will. A great wrong has,
evidently been done, and I bind myself.
by a most solemn yow to endeavor to
right that wrung and restore an honest
name to an honest man. I solemnly,
dedicate myself to your cause to act for
you and let nothing stand in my fawful
way in order to unravel this mystery and
discover the fate of your unhappy)
brother."

"For this, your solemn pledge," slowly
returned the invalid, "I as solemnly
promise to place in your hands, through
my banker, the yearly sum of five thousand dollars, and I will also provide for
your future, should my death occur before your task is completed. This will of
filine is already dictated, and only awaits
my signature. Mr. Gray, I will now
summon Mrs. Stebbins and one of my
servants to act as witnesses while I write
my name to my last will and testamy name to my last will and testa-ment."

my name to my last will and testament.."

Mrs. Stebbins and Harrlet Bevier then placeff their names opposite as witnesses to the solemn transaction, and again withdrew, after Mr. Rappelye had desired them to bid the coachman prepare to carry Dr. Elfenstein back to the depet, as he had declined passing the night with them.

"When shall you be ready to leave for England?" asked Mr. Rappelye, as he held his hand at parting.

"In about one week's time I think I can settle my own affairs and arrange a home for my mother during my absence. I shall take the first steamer I can, and will come again to receive further instructions before I leave, if you wish it."

"I do; till then, my dear friend, au revoir."

Thus ended an interview which was

revoir."

Thus ended an interview which was destined to be the cause of bringing to light events of the most startling character, the development of which would place our hero amid scenes and circumstances so terrible and tragic in their nature that could they have been foresteld might have caused many moments of hesitation.

### CHAPTER IV.

Dr. Elfenstein did not see his mother on his return, on account of the lateness of the hour, but at the breakfast table he

"My son, good morning," she said, pleasantly, on his entrance; "so you have returned in safety!"

"I have; and in a pecuniary point of ew, the visit brought a great change

view, the visit brought a great enange for the better."
"Indeed! that is good news."
"From this day I am to receive five thousand dollars annually, as I have entered into an engagement to that

ffect."
"My dear Earle, you do surprise me!"
"I fear, however, my next remark
ou will not like so well."
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"This engagement obliges me to sell my practice, and sall in about one week to settle in a country village in England."

"Oh, Earle, you surprise me!"

"Mother, dear, you shall have your choice now: whether to accompany me at once, or allow me to board you at your brother's in this city for a few months, until I can survey the ground, and fully establish myself. In case you remain, I can at any time come for you, after I see whether it will be a permanent home. Perhaps I shall not care to remain after a few months."

There was a long pause, broken at length by the mother.

There was a long pause, broken at length by the mother.
"Earle, I dread the ocean, and I shall dreads." dread a foreign home. Perhaps I had best remain, as you say. It is your opinion that I had better remain?"

f you think you can endure the sep-ion. I shall dislike it as much as

you "
"I know that, dear."
"You like Uncle John's family?"

"Oh. yes."
"And would be happy there?"
"As happy as I can be, away from my

son."

"It may not be a long separation."

"It will hope so."
By the close of the week, Mrs. Elfenstein was comfortably established in a toom furnished with her old familiar things, while the son succeeded in disposing of the rest, as well as his practice, and had engaged a passage on the Oceanica.

A short visit was then paid to Mr. Rappelye, who gave him full directions how to proceed, and many minute details of the place and inhabitants.

Promising to write weekly, keeping him informed of every movement, the young man bade him farewell, and in a few hours later was upon the outward-bound steamer.

hours saver nas agent the steamer.

Standing there alone, surrounded by strangers, it is not a matter of surprise that a feeting of weariness and almost desolation crept over him.

With a desperate effort, the young man at lanoth succeeded in dissipating this

at length succeeded in dissipating this gloom. He knew full well that it would

stoom. He knew tuit weil that it would not answer to faint on the very threshold of his new duties. He knew, also, that, to accomplish his work, he must be courageous and brave, so he turned away from his post of observa-tion on deck, and sought the more lively saloon.

Taking a book from one of the tables, he affected to read.

Presently his eyes rested upon a mide lie and lady, who seemed in feeble acaits, as she leaned back languidly in the casy chair, while her pale face and

attenuated down time. Of prolonged step has approached and halted quite the process of the proce

She was ecidencia a pearance of some po-constitutely when son, as her dark ered towards the

eyes continually wandered towards the door.

Dr. Elfeastain looked at her with increasing interest.

Silently he recalled face after face of his friends and patrons, in vain; he could not piace the likeness that had so suddenly attracted him, and his failing to do so caused him both annoyance and chagrin.

Suddenly a brighter look floated into the lady's eyes.

Following the range of her vision, he was surprised at beholding the most perfect picture of youthful beauty he had ever yet beheld.

It was all embodied in the person of a young girl of about twenty summers, who smillingly drew near.

Small, with a figure exquisitely molded, and movements of perfect grace, a pure, white skin, with the rosy tint of health just tinging each soft cheek, eyes of a languid hazel, large, dreamy, yet full of intelligence and gontleness, a sweet mouth whose tender red lips disclosed, when speaking or langhing, teeth even and pearly white, with, as the crowning beauty of her whole appearance, a profusion of golden hair, that even and pearly white, with, as the crowning beauty of her whole appearance, a profusion of golden hair, that uncommon golden shade that is seldom seen, yet never disregarded, on account of its very rareness.

She spoke, and the melodious accents of her voice filled Earle with delight.

He had always placed great stress upon the tones of the hunan voice being a reflection in a great degree of the nature of its possessor.

"Aunt Gertrude are you wears?" I

reflection in a great degree of the nature of its possessor.

"Aunt Gertrude, are you weary? I stayed out longer than I intended, but I could not bear to lose sight of the faintest speck of the land we have left behind us. It has all disappeared now, and the sea, the sea, the deep blue sea, 'at this moment is on every side, rising and sinking in all its beauty. Shall I lead you to your state-room, auntie? Perhaps it would be as well for you to lie down before you become sea sick and faint."

"I feel rather dizzy, now, my love, and will take your advice."

Rising slowly, the feeble woman leaned on the strong young arm of her niece, and so passed to a state-room quite near the one engaged by himself, and the young physician smiled contentedly, that they were to be close neighbors during the voyage.

CHAPTER V.
THE NEW ACQUAINTANCE.

Several days passed in rather an uneventful way, brightened occasionally by a glimpse of the young girl, whose name he found to be Ethel Nevergail, as she flitted out and in the state-room of her aunt who seemed ill and restless. Dr. Elfenstein had not sought an introduction, as he knew the admiration he duction, as he knew the admiration he involuntarily felt, while she remained unknown, might ripen into a warmer feeling upon a closer friendship.

feeling upon a closer friendship.

Providence, however, had planned differently, and had decided that these two should be, at least, friendly.

One rough and stormy day was drawing to a c.ose, when leaving the damp atmo-phere of the deck, where he had passed a couple of hours watching the leaden sky and the storm-la-had waves, together with sea-gulls that skimmed over their surface, Dr. Elfenstein, in passing to his state-room, was startled by a low cry of dismay coming from the room of Mrs. Nevergail, followed immediately by the pale, frightened face of her niece, who, on seeing kim so near, exclaimed:

"Oh, sir, something dreadful is the

exclaimed:

"Oh, sir, something dreadful is the matter with my aunt. Do you think there is a physician on board?"

"I am offen myself. My name is Elfenstein. of New York. Shall I see her?"

"If you will be so kind."

Stepping inside. our young friend advanced immediately to the berth, where he found Mrs. Nevergail in a fainting condition, caused by extreme exhaustion.

With the greatest sympathy, the Doc With the greatest sympathy, the Doctor instantly comprehended the situation, and turning quickly to his own stateroom, reappeared with his small medicine wallet, and at once applied proper restoratives, which fortunately had the desired effect, and soon the young girl's fears were calmed, and she had the pleasure of again seeing her aunt comfortable for the time.

"Your aunt is better now and I thisk-

Your aunt is better now, and I think will not deceive your her case is beyond human skill to cure."

will not deceive you; her case is beyond human skill to cure."

"I know it, Doctor, and she also is well aware of her condition. My uncle died in New York a few months ago, and in taking care of him she contracted the cold that has ended in consumption. Our family physician, Dr. Munsey—perhaps you know him as you also are from New York—thought she might live to reach the only relatives we have on earth, residing in Liverpool and vicinity. She was eager to return to her native land, in order that I might not be left entirely alone after she is taken away. Do you think, Doctor, that she will survive until our passage is made?"

"I trust so. Good nursing often accomplishes more than medicines. "We will do all we can, and perhaps the good Lord will favor us with his blessing."

"I pray that he may. It would be terrible to have her die at sea, and I all alone with her, not a single friend, near to aid me."

"Our state-rooms are fortunately near each other, so any time, by night or day, that I can be of service, do not hesitate to inform me, a seld the Doctor, as he left the narrow quarters. "I will stop in again, in one hour, to see how she ap-

waking."

terioon as Earle was standing the vast afterno upon deck looking out upon the vast ocean, he became conscious that a light

near.

It was Miss Nevergail.

While besitating to consider whether his presence would be acceptable to her, an exclamation of terror startled him, and glancing toward the spot where she stood, he saw that she was striving to steady herself, being dizzy from a sudden lurch of the steamer.

Springing to her side, he instantly offered his arm, saying, as she gratefully accepted it:

accepted it:

"Allow me to assist you to a more quiet
place, where motion will not be so perceptible."

"Thank you," returned the young girl,
"I suppose I ought not to venture upon
deck alone, unused as I am to the sea,
but I am so completely fascinated by ait
this restless scene. Aunt is sieeping."
"I never look upon a scene like this,"
said Earle, thoughfully, "without feeling my own littleness, when compared to
the all-ruling hand that holds the billows
in its grasp, and rules the winds and

ing my own littleness, when compared to the all-ruling hand that holds the billows in its grasp, and rules the winds and storms. But it seems quite calm again. Will you not join me in a promenade? The fresh sea-breeze will do you good after your confinement to the sick-room of your invalid aunt."

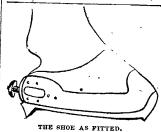
Placing her hand once more upon his arm, the two turned and quietly paced the deck, while an earnest and interesting conversation ensued, which occupied them for another half hour.

Dr. Elfenstein found his young companion an Intelligent and brilliant conversationalist. Where she was not an awkward pause could cusue, and the fascination of her cultivated manners imperceptibly wove a feeling of intense admiration around his heart, of which he was ignorant, until too late to avert what, had he realized the mischief it would bring to future feelings, he would have made it a duty at once to suppress.

## A NAILLESS HORSESHOE

Which Seems to Be Admirably Adapted to Its Purpose.

In one respect the human race has made very little improvement during the past few thousand years. This is in the matter of horseshoes. Our present made of horseshoes. ent method of shoeing horses has not changed materially for centuries, and has always been rude and irrational. One of the chief objections to the sys-



tem is that the hoof is made to fit the shoe instead of the shoe to fit the hoof. This involves a lot of cutting and scrap ing, and is the chief cause of lameness and stumbling. The use of nails is and stumbling. The use of nails is also a serious objection, as, no matter how careful the blacksmith may be there are cases when a tender spot will be penetrated. It is quite obvious that nature never intended nails to be

driven into a horse's hoof. The accompanying illustrations show a novel horseshoe that has been subjected to a careful and thorough trial on half a dozen horses. Like a great many works of genius, the one in question is extremely simple. It consists of a band of metal about an inch high, a band or metal about an inch nigh, which fits around the lower edge of the hoof. At the base of this band there is a sort of projecting shelf, or flange, which is made to fit into a groove running around the inside of the shoe. ning around the inside of the shoe. The latter is made of steel, of the usual shape and style. The only differences between it and the ordinary shoe are the presence of the grooves and the absence of nall holes.

When the band is fitted to the hoof (which is done very readily), the shoe in turn is attached by slipping the flange into the grove. It now remains to clasp the arrangement by two screws

to clasp the arrangement by two screws in the rear. These may be turned to any degree of tightness desired, and



a moderate degree is sufficient to preyent the shoe from coming off. The taken off in a moment.

An Expensive Violin.

It is reported that the Stradivarius to aid me."

"Allow me to correct you, Miss Nevergall, for you see I know your name. You have one, surely, if you will allow me to be such to \_you. Anything I can do, either as physician or friend, rest assured shall be done."

"Thank you, I shall accept your profused advice and friendship grateful."

The shought that I have one kind friend on board this steamer, in this emergency, is the greatest comfort."

"Our state-rooms are fortunately near "Our state-rooms are fortunately near"

"Our state-rooms are fortunately near" name of Her-

Veterans of the civil war are now beyond the age of 50, but if these bat-tery stormers of old were called out as reserves to perform garrison duty what a picule it would be for them. No other country could furnish such a background for 14,000,000 men of fighting age.

BLAND BICYCLEST

He Rides 100 Milles Guided Only by Hile Sense of Sound

A blind boy bicyclist of Oakland, Cal., performed a remarkable feat a wrek or so since by riding from Oakland bo San Jose on his bicycle and back again, a "ceptury rin" along the highway, midde only by the canad of the ball. San Jose on his bicycle and back again, a, "century ran" along the highway, guided only by the sound of the bell on the bicycle of a friend who accompanied him. He has been stone blind for fourteen years. His name is N. L. Perry, and he is about seventeen years old. He was a student in the Berkely Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind, and while there was a leader in field sports and in the gymnastum. He Band, and withe there was a scale. In field sports and in the gymnasium. He graduated with honors, and is now a student in the State University. His loss of sight is compensated for in some degree by an abnormal sense of hear-

When all the young men of his quaintance began to ride the bicycle he became greatly interested in the ma-chine, and was determined to own and one himself. He was confide ride one himself. He was confident that if he could once learn to mount and pedal and dismount his sense of hearing would enable him to ride with perfect safety and with great enloyment. His first lessons proved a very trying experience, and he had one serious fall. But her persisted, and was soon able to mount, maintain his poise and pedal ground the areas of the soon able to mount, maintain his poise and pedal around the arena of the bacycle school with the ease and assurance of an expert. Then he gradually ventured out on the roads in the suburbs of Berkeley. He knew the road well, and his keen hearing enabled him to avoid collisions with pedestrians and vehicles pracically as well as though he could see.

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A week or so ago the notion of making the trip from Oakland to San Jose, a favorite "century run," occurred to him, and he at once made arrangements him, and he at once made arrangements for the experiment. He got a fellow student, who is, of course, not blind, to accompany him and act as pilot. A code of signals on the bicycle bell was arranged to indicate various conditions likely to be met on the trip, such as unusual obstructions, the turns in the road and the like. The road is not one of the best, even for a rider possessed of all his faculties, but the blind boy, piloted by his friend, made the trip in safety with much pleasure. In the fifty miles of the ride to San Jose the blind bicyclist had three falls

Jose the blind bicyclist had three falls from his machine, but they were not serious, and he remounted at once and continued the trip. The slipping of his wheel into deep ruts caused the fall in each instance. After resting a day in San Jose the blind rider made the fifty-mile run back again to Oakland, piloted by his friend

# The Swiss Pike.

The name of the Swiss is generally identified with the long pike of the 18-foot shaft; and most gallant attempts have been made by recent writers to prove that this celebrated weapon was a Swiss invention and employed by the confederates from the first. The point, however, is one that must remain un-certain, for the earliest mention of the long pike is found in an order addressed in 1327 by Count Philip of Savoy to the burghers of Turin, and no one can tell-whether the Savoyards borrowed it from the Swiss or the Swiss from the Savoyards. The primitive weapons of all infantry seem to be the spear and shield. The Milanese fought with such spears, or pikes, eight or ten feet in length; at Legnano. the Scotch at Falkirk, and the Flemings at Courtral; so that it is impossible really to predicate of any one nation that it added the requisite number of feet to the wear pon's shaft in order to make a long pike. There is no mention of pikes in the battles of the Swiss until Sempach, and it is probable that in that action they were not above ten feet in length

Motormen Dread Cats.

"A motorman will allow his car to run over a dog without any compunc-tion, but when it comes to a cat on the track it brings out what little superstitrack it orings out what ittue supersa-tion may be in the man, and most of the motorman have a little," said a conductor. The car had come to a sud-den stop, and all the passengers, who had noticed a little kitten in front of the car, stood up to see if its mangled remains were on the track. "Why, I've known my moterman to run his car back half a square at night to see it he had killed a cat," said the conductor. "The headlight on the car seems to altract them after dark, and they was stand in front of an approaching car and their eyes gleaming in the darkness like bails of fire. They seem ho make no effort to get out of the was, and disappear from the motorman's view under the end of the car, leaving him in doubt as to whathar he killed it. tract them after dark, and they will him in doubt as to whether he killed it or not. I guess when they get out range of the headlight they realize their position and scurry out of the way."— Columbus (O.) Dispatch.

A Wonderful Spoon

Mention is made in the long-since published memoirs of the Marquis de Villiers, of Paris, of a wonderful spops once in the post This spoon was reputed to be of gold. studded in every part with diamonds of the first water. Four inches in length only, yet the value of this article was stated to be \$75,000. Each diamond was the sise of a large plu's head, and there were some hundreds of them.