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this swashbuckling story, is stranded Grimstead's restraining hand on among the California redwoods in his arm. his private craft," a high-powered out int car, when its gasoline tank is brok-forest.

BURTON GRIMSTEAD, his spoiled daughter, is with him against her will, especially so as she perceives her father's object in insisting on her going on the trip is to throw

her into the company of ROSS GARDNER, Grimstead's sinister "Second in Command," a capable, good looking man. SIMMINS, the Grimstead's Eng-

lish butler-chauffeur, whose gay spirits are repressed by his dignity. and astonishes them first by saying his small car runs on electricity so he has no "gas" to give them, and "It ought to be tremendously value of the subject was battery.

"It ought to be tremendously value of the subject was already been made! I see." next by winning a \$10,000 bet from Gardiner by predicting a rainstorm.
CHAPTER IX

A Marvelous Discovery

Grimstead put on his poker face to conceal his inner excitement. This offer was more than he had hoped. talk a little about it?" "I should like to very much," he

replied.
"So should I" spoke up Burton, "but I want to hear it in words of

"It is not at all complicated. Now acid solution and connect them with the just to do that.' wires you generate electricity. That is the simple wet battery.

time by induction.

"Where does that electricity come from? You might say chemical ac- plied promptly. tion in the one case or mechanical action in the other, but they are laughed boyishly.
actually only a means to an end. The was getting rather preachy, world lies in a great field of static wasn't I? Well, the thing the world which this inert electricity is liven-"Perfectly," said Burton.

"When we have used this kinetic electricity, or it becomes 'grounded' it returns to the reservoir or static. All I've done is to make a short cut so many frills they'd have leisure enbetween the static electricity which ough." we are immersed and the kinetic

electricity we can use." remarked Grimstead drily.

solution. Mine consists of two ing to perform soul-deadening and plates of different metals side by grinding toil for it." side in air. The wet cell trans forms or produces its electricity by or through, a chemical action that "Why don't you see? Every inplates."

his interest.

tion!" he cried. yourself by your bootstraps."

agreed Davenport. be very slight-ilke the apparent exhaustion of squalor. loss in radium, I suppose-for, as

"What metals do you use?" man, "but there, of course, von're But no longer would there be any be exact and the distance between reached toward the stars. the plates must be exact. I have a micrometer sciew to adjust my is what he visioned; and that is what he visioned; and that is what Burton, kindling to his ideas,

timate it cost you to build such a eagerly afire.

"Mine up to now have been experimental and built piecemeal by said suddenly. experiment." be built—of that size—for some-ry," he began.
where between fifty and a hundred "You're not the Lawrence Davwhere between fifty and a hundred "You're not the and fifty dollars. It isn't the ma-enport?" she gasped. teriais; it's the accuracy, and I the necessary skill would cost."

Grimstead's poker face was still doing business, but his cigar butt was chewed to a frazzle.

"You say that battery there will run a brake test of forty horsepower?" he asked. "About that."

"Will a larger battery develop enport.
more horsepower in proportion? Burto What are the limits in capacity?' haven't the slightest idea. There's no limit apparently to the amount of static you can take by means of dynamos; why should there be any more limit to what you can take by other means? Of course, I don't know; I'm just beginning to try it out.

"Well, you may have something, though it sounds pretty radical," yawned Grimstead, as though the subject had ceased to interest him. Burton hopped from the log on

which she sat. "The moonlight is heavenly," she declared, "I must see it through the big trees. Will you go with me. Mr. Davenport, outside the firelight?"

GRIMSTEAD, the "Buccaneer" of about to arise, but paused as he felt everywhere going to waste, and

CHAPTER X "The" Larry Davenport They walked for 100 yards, feeling their way in the black and

white contrasts of moonlight; then sat side by side on a log.
"It is almost too perfect," said Burton. "It almost hurts.

shall never forget it." They began to chat, to make disjointed remarkes, swinging back down the wide are of ecstasy to the starting point of everyday DAVENPORT, a youth, comes by things. In a little while Daven-

> uable. You'll probably make a million or so out of it. I hope you do," the girl said.

"les, of course. I'd like to make something out of it. But that isn't alright though." "Oh, please!" she begged.

"Don't you see what it will mean to the world," he said, "the poor den it does carry. Lord, what a look at me. Am I a Larry looking you."

task it has assumed just in feeding look at me. Am I a Larry looking you."

"W struggling old world? What a buryou know if you put a copper plate itself and clothing itself and keep-and a zinc plate side by side in an ing itself warm. And it has to hus-

He twisted on the log more nearly to face her. "Look here," he de-"All right. If you run a dynamo manded, "what is the greatest mayou also generate electricity, this terial need, the very greatest need of the world?" "Davenport's batteries," she re-

He threw his head back and

or inert magnetism. The cell and needs most is breathing time, time the dynamo are merely means by to play more and to soak up the thing that never come to a man ed up, made into kinetic or active when he is in a hurry or surroundelectricity they actually produce ed—in proportion. But the point is, nothing in themselves. Is that clear?" the work a day world needs most is leisure, a little leisure."

"The trouble is," said Burton, people are never satisfied. If they would be contented to go without

No, you're wrong. They should have the frills. The frills repre-"That is self-evident, young man" sent the grace and beauty of life. We all have an instinct for frills. Grimstead's high good humor over We all have an instinct for frills, its capture carried all temperamental OVER 21 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY "I am just making it clear for and real instincts should be gratifi-Miss Burton. Go back to the wet ed-in proportion. But the point is, cell. It is heavy and awkward and frills are too hard to get. A living short lived. My battery is just like is too hard to get. Heaven forbid a wet cell without those disadvan- we should ever get anything withtages. The wet cell consists of out working for it; that is absolutely two plates of different metal in a fatal. But there's no sense in hav-

"But what has the battery to do

is limited in effectiveness and in vention that reduces the labor duration. My battery transforms necessary to produce things is a the static from the air into kinetic step toward that leisure for the race. without chemical action-apparent- It's a step toward supplying more ly; and in much greater quantity frills, besides more abundant necessiin proportion to the size of the ties, with the same amount of la-

Grimstead was sitting up now in the world as he saw it; a reorgan-With vivid sentences he sketched "There must be chemical ac- ized world, free to put its energies "You can't lift into postive creation of those things which men's true instincts crave; "Of course; there probably is" producing its abundance by honest, reed Davenport. "I only said sincere, necessary labor, but accomthere was apparently none. It must plishing the production without the

It was no impossible Utopia; it I say, I have used this battery was an absurd dream of an impossito drive my car eleven hundred ble "equality"; but it was a world miles without any wear I can de-termine by looking at it." of opportunity released from pres-sure. What men did with the opportunity would still be, as it had "Pardon," returned the young always been, a matter for themselves.

asking my secret. I will say this, reason or necessity for the spohowever. They are alloys of metal mergence under inexorable circumeasily procurable. The alloy must stances of the man whose hands

saw too. And as she had not lived "You say the metals are easily with the idea, as had he, and was procurable. How much do you es-They sat silent for a time.

"Tell me about yourself?"

Davenport pointed "I was born of poor but honest. out. "But in quantity they could parents and my friends call me Lar-

"I'm the only one I know about. don't know just what workmen of There may be others I know not of; but be assured, O lady, that they are nothing but spurious imitations."
"Why, I've read all your books and I've just loved them!"

"Long and patient study has not yet revealed to me the suitable answer to one who claims she loves your books," sadly confessed Dav-

Burton began to chuckle, then to laugh aloud.

"I'm thinking of the joke on us," she explained, of Dad. We thought you were a garage mechanic!" "And me such gentlemanly manners," he mourned, "and my diction, faulty as it is, yet observes the

rules of grammar."
"Your funny little car misled us, I suppose," she explained, "and then you were so handy about every-thing."

"You relieve me. The car was the cheapest I could get for a pure xperiment.

'And the battery?" "Came to me just like a story, a little at a time. I'm no mechanic.
No one could be worse fitted than I to be an inventor. But I couldn't Davenport jumped to his feet help noticing from time to time

WHO'S WHO IN THIS STORY | Gardiner took stirred as though | the incredible amount of power one day when I was filling the star-The two young people stepped out into the enchantment of the a car—it struck me what a nuisance ting battery of my car-I have got it was, and I wondered if we could not get a battery that would work with air."

"And then you figured it out."
"I did not," he disclaimed. "I
merely kept it in mind, the way I do a story, and it worked out its own plot, bit by bit. It took me some time to tumble to the fact actly so far apart. But at last I had tautened into a hard alertness. that the plates had to be just ex"It has been running without a got it to work and to work hard for a long time. One horrible thought occurred to me; that maybe it will only work near electric plants al-

"Stealing what's already been made! I see."

"That's why I'm up in this wild country, bag and baggage. I'm going to find out. It seems to be

"You don't know how I appreciate your telling me all this, Mr. Davenport," then said she.
"I told you my friends call me

Larry," he pointed out; then at her slight withdrawal, "Now, really, ally in her direction.

"You're right—Larry," said she.

CHAPTER XI

In the morning the famous battry, lashed to the running board, had been connected up with the selfstarter which was now turning over in the laborous and vociferous manner peculiar to the species. Grimstead and Gardiner were inclined to stand and watch it in fascination; but Davenport was quite unimpress-

'That's all there is to it," said he. "Now all we have to watch out for is that she doesn't run dry of lubrication. Simmins can keep track of that."

He turned away. "Now we've got a good morning's work in front of us," he announced cheerfully. "I picked a good place for camp, before breakfast. We must move camp, and then we must make a start on our road out." "I'm going fishing this afternoon"

warned Grimstead. The evening meal that night was

around?

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differences before it. Even the taci- him the whole works; it would be turn Gardiner unbent to tell an anecdote.

Burton was in the highest spirits, also, for she had what she considered a very intriguing secret, which she intended to keep for the time being at least, in the hope of extracting from the situation still further amusement.

In this she was abbetted by Larry Davenport himself. Now that that young man really understood the po-sition in the social structure he was supposed to fill, he played up and become the Perfect Garage Mechanic. When this performance drew Simmins' puzzled eye Larry's happiness was complete.

"Now," sighed Grimstead comfortably, as he struggled to his thick legs after supper, "if you young people will excuse us, Ross and I have a little business to talk over.' He lighted a cigar and, followed by Gardiner, disappeared in the

darkness. "Now," he demanded of Gardiner, once they were settled on a conven

ient log. "How about it?" His benign good humor had fall-en from him and his whole being "It has been running without a break, and without apparent loss of energy at any time up to 5 o'clock,'

answered Gardiner. "We've got to tie this thing down before somebody else gets hold of it," declared Grimstead. "I wonder if anybody has? He might be tied up already."
"May be," agreed Gardiner, "but

I don't think so. This seems to be his first test of the thing." "Well, we must tie him up," said Grimstead.

"Going to buy him out, chief? You could probably get it cheap, comparatively.

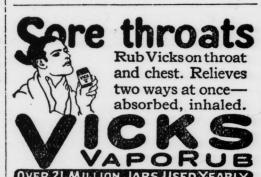
"Gardiner," said the pirate, " sometimes wonder a little about

"What do you mean?" asked Gar-"I gather you think we could drive a creap bargain with this

qoung man." "Yes," he said finally, with conviction. "I think we could—before he gets talking with some one else. "Of course we could, but we won't I'll offer him the very largest share I can, or the highest royalties posible

consistent with control and good bus-

iness. See why?" Gardiner shook his head. Well, either this is a whooper big thing, or it is a flivver. If it's a flivver it doesn't matter if we give



work to do anything about it." Grimstead cast an eye of triumph toward Gardiner.

he, or some one else, is going to buck.

Then there's law suits without end.

start, before the thing is proved up

at all, given him a full share, then

when it turns out big he'll stay with

are two other methods. By one you when it is well established it is a in the company. By the other you ient tuberculosis. the first instance you would have a responsibility. In the second instance the other fellow's coach.

you would be relieved from all trou-ble, but would have nothing to say."
"I see the difference," Davenport nodded. 'But I don't believe I could decide as to my choice until I heard a more definite proposition of each kind. How much stock would I get, and how much royalty?"

Grimstead here showed further his giving him nothing. But suppose it qualification for chiefhood by shootturns out to be a world beater and thought it all out, and was ready. we've made a sharp bargain. Either

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If, however, we have at the very WHEN TB MANIFESTS ITSELF IN COUGH

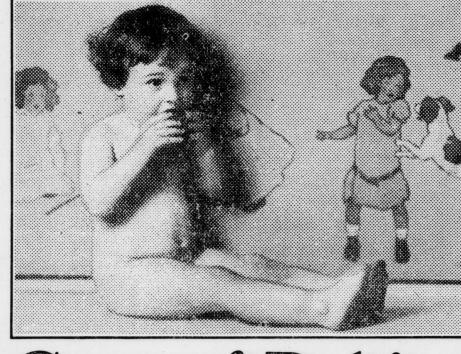
Tuberculosis has various ways of manifesting itself. The catarrhal "Well, young man," said Grim-onset with cough and expectoration, stead when they had returned to the comprises the group of symptoms fireside, "your battery seems to be most commonly associated in the lay making good. There's no doubt that mind with tuberculosis. A cough you have a big thing there. I don't lasting more than three weeks ought enough to market as it is. Every many cases of early tuberculosis thought of it?" "Yes, of course. But I've never all. There is nothing especially so been sure enough it was going to characteristic about the cought from tuberculosis. It is usually worse in the early morning and frequently oc-curs only then. The expectoration is "Wel," said he, "I am consider- also more aboundant at that time.

ably in the electric line myself. What | During the late winter and early would you think of taking it up with spring when coughs and colds are so common one should watch them "I was going to propose it my-self, after you had satisfied yourself more than three weeks, by all means the thing was going to run." see a doctor about them. But re-"Good! Now I'm not going to in-member that the absence of a cough sult your intelligence by trying to is far from being proof positive that buy outright," said Grimstead, craft- you have no tuberculosis. The paily gaining merit from his decision, thetic thing about the cough as a "You'd know better than that. There symptom of tuberculosis, is that would get a certain amount of stock symptom of advanced and not incip-

And now nothing remains of the voice in the management, and also football season except trying to get

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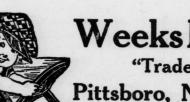


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