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A NOVEL.

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CHAPTER X[illegible]
CONTINUED.

"And it was here that Pedro Mendoza finally resolved to stay, for a secret presence—the magnet that responded to the love of gold within his soul—told him that on this cursed spot he would yet find the [illegible] he sought.

"The natives on this island were in every way superior to any the Spanish adventurers had yet encountered, but they were simple in nature, and, as the others had done, they firmly believed Columbus and his followers to be [illegible] visitors descended from the sky. They said, in answer to the usual inquiries for gold, that the [illegible] [illegible] with the precious metal, but must be sought in the [illegible], where lived a great prince, surrounded by warriors, all of whom wore ornaments of gold and whose [illegible] and daughters wore strings of pearls and precious stones about their [illegible] and on their arms and ankles.

"This was joyful tidings for Columbus, who [illegible] had now reached the true Eldorado. He determined [illegible] days to the court of this [illegible], while he and the rest of his followers investigated more [illegible] the shores of the island. The natives [illegible] told him that the prince lived a long distance away—a four days' journey—and he was not expecting the return of his messengers [illegible] or ten days; for he had [illegible] them to bring back full [illegible] of all they should find and [illegible] of the gold and treasure of the interior. When, therefore, they returned several days sooner than he expected them, reporting that [illegible] gold nor any kind [illegible] was to be discovered, he [illegible] disappointed, but Pedro Mendoza, who had been one of the [illegible], exulted. In the disappointment of Columbus he saw his [illegible], the hour for which he had waited and hoped was now at hand.

"[illegible] decided to [illegible] and sail farther in [illegible] of the river whose waters [illegible] over sands of gold. A young Indian [illegible] described this river to [illegible] in an adjacent island [illegible] Babeque. It is supposed that [illegible] was not the name of the island, but an epithet descriptive of [illegible] its productiveness, and that the admiral's ignorance of the Indian language caused him to mistake it for the name of a place. To the great delight of Mendoza, and to the dissatisfaction of the rest of [illegible] crew, he decided at once to set sail in search of Babeque. Discontent had [illegible] forth among the sailors, although as yet nothing of it had reached the ears of Columbus; but [illegible] knew that Martin Alonso, captain of the Pinta, had sworn to part from Columbus, in order to make discovery on his own account. Pinzon and his crew, and indeed all the sailors, [illegible] that Columbus [illegible] great haste to leave these [illegible] he had thoroughly investigated their resources or even permitted [illegible] the enjoyment of a [illegible] from ocean to land.

"[illegible] threatened desertion of the [illegible] Mendoza the opportunity for which he had been watching. When the order was given to return to the boats he concealed himself and was nowhere seen. He feared a search might be made for him if his absence [illegible], but he had given out among his fellows an intention to join the crew of the Pinta. This would, of course, anger the admiral, whom he hated, but as the Pinta would also have deserted before the morning, anger would be useless. It pleased Mendoza to think of commander's dismay when he should discover the desertion of Martin Alonzo with his ship and crew, and it pleased him still more to picture to himself the distress of Columbus at the loss of 'a faithful follower,' if he should ever be [illegible] by the Pinta. This man hated the admiral with the instinctive hate of evil toward good and for personal reasons besides. The reward for the first sight of 'land' had been awarded to the sailor on board the Pinta, although Mendoza swore that he had first proclaimed it. This reward was finally given to the commander himself, as being the real discoverer, from his having first descried a light moving along the shore of San Salvador.

"But this act Pedro Mendoza never knew; and if he had, it would only have intensified his hate of Christopher Columbus. With a triumphant heart he watched the preparations for leaving the island, and from a secure hiding place his gaze followed the other sailors, accompanied by great numbers of the natives, as they slowly took their way to the water's edge, where they entered the boats and soon [illegible] to the three ships at anchor in the beautiful bay.

"It was characteristic of this singular and self-contained being that even when he beheld the departing vessels lessening every moment as the shades of night fell over them like a purple veil, his feelings were all of [illegible] and not of sadness. He remembered, indeed, that he was alone on this island, surrounded by savages, of whose language he was ignorant and of whose real disposition he could not, from his brief acquaintance with them, possess much knowledge. He had taken care, however, to provide himself with arms, and he knew that the Indian ascribed supernatural power to everything appertaining to the white man. He was quick to note the awe with which they had regarded the brilliant colors of the admiral's dress, and he had supplied himself from the wardrobe of his commander with such articles as he thought likely to be effective in displaying his own personal advantages, of which he was well aware, and he had garnered up every little string of beads and every pair of hawk's bells that he [illegible] been able to borrow, beg or steal, from the moment he had first conceived the idea of remaining with the Indians. He was, therefore, fairly well prepared for the enterprise he had undertaken. It was only necessary to work on the superstition and simplicity of the natives to have a free course.

"He decided not to show himself till the morning, but in the early dawn of the next day, when the savages were gathered for their first meal, he suddenly appeared among them, with the full effect of having descended from the sky. Their surprise was wholly joyous, and with shouts of 'Turey! Turey!' they gathered around him, and Mendoza perceived by their use of this word, which among these tribes signified celestial or divine, that he was received as a god. [illegible] turned to them [illegible] and [illegible] a second act of [illegible], and to show [illegible] they prostrated themselves [illegible] and kissed [illegible].

"This was precisely the effect that Pedro had desired to produce, and he was not slow to avail himself of the great advantage it gave him. He at once assumed the position of the visible representative of their [illegible] deity, and from that moment [illegible] over these simple and tractable children of nature was supreme.

"Mendoza had no cause to fear that any search would be made for him by Columbus, but he had determined to [illegible] his intentions to [illegible] the concealed city and its ruler in the interior of the island. During the time the admiral's [illegible] had spent in this search, Pedro had seen enough of the country to feel sure that it became fuses and richer the farther it was explored; and it had been the desire of his relentless desire to keep this wealth entirely to himself that he had persistently discouraged his companions, declaring to them, [illegible] the Indian guides [illegible] to the contrary, that only disappointment and fatigue, with the probability of death under the tropic heat, lay before them if they persevered in the [illegible] search. Now, however, he set out, accompanied by several of the natives, and [illegible] confident of [illegible] in that same search, while he [illegible] eagerly to the predictions that they would soon arrive at the kingdom of Ornoay.

"Ever since his arrival on the island Pedro had especially noticed two young Indians of exceptional quickness and intelligence. They excelled in pantomime and learned words and phrases of Spanish so readily that very soon he could communicate easily with them, so that now he had no difficulty in making himself understood. These youths he took on his expedition to the interior, and they proved of signal value in the course of the journey afterward.

"The Indians had, at first, described their chieftain's city as being at a distance of four days' walk, but, owing to the extreme heat in the middle of the day and the hilly character of the country as they advanced from the shore, Pedro found himself not yet at the end of his journey when the four days had lengthened into seven.

"But on the evening of that day they had come to a range of mountains beyond which, as his guides assured him, lay a valley, hemmed in by another range of mountains not yet visible. The Indians, who seemed superior to fatigue, were for pushing on at once; but Mendoza, wearied by a march such as he had never known before, and unwilling to admit that he was quite worn out lest he should peril his reputation as a celestial being, peremptorily decided to wait till morning, intimating to the Indians his desire to greet the sun before proceeding further. As their rude religion [illegible] the god of day among their deities, they readily responded to this desire on the part of the celestial stranger, and all prostrated themselves before him, kissing the earth at his feet and transported with joy when he permitted them to press their lips on his hand.

"Fruits and flowers and many kinds of nuts grew everywhere in great abundance, and crystal streams of water were frequent. Besides this the Indians had brought a supply of cassava bread—a thin cake, made from the pulp of the yucca root—and skins filled with the juice of a luscious grape which grew in this [illegible], in such profusion that the trunks and branches of trees were often covered by its vines, from which hung great bunches of the purple fruit. Pedro fared well, and although he could not wholly banish anxiety in regard to his reception by Ornoay, who might be neither so simple nor so hospitable as his present friends, he felt no serious alarm and calmly retired to rest. His Indians had prepared for him a couch made from the boughs of trees, covered with heaps of leaves and long grass, and strewn with the gorgeous blossoms of the amaryllis, and as the island was free from serpents and every kind of reptile, sleeping in the open air was as safe as it was pleasant.

"At the dawning of the day, when all the tropic sky was pale [illegible], preparing for the deeper hues of sunrise, while the clear air palpitated in harmony with awaking nature, while the myriad flowers unclosed their blossoms, raising their radiant faces to the light and sending forth their perfume as incense to the morning, and while every tree and bush trembled with the music of birds that blended into one triumphant anthem of praise and joy, the Spanish adventurer awaked, thoroughly refreshed, and rising from his fragrant couch, hastened to prepare himself for the coming interview. He made a careful toilet, taking pains to make the most of his fine [illegible] and handsome face, and also to display to the utmost advantage the brilliant scarlet mantle stolen from the admiral's wardrobe, and as many bright colored beads and jingling little hawks' bells as he could hang about his neck and arms and ankles. To his simple followers he was a most imposing figure, and while they prepared and served his breakfast, standing so as to form a circle round the sacred person, Pedro began to feel that he was capable [illegible] more than mortal.

"When they began the ascent of the mountains, Mendoza pointed to the highest peak, and signified that nothing would satisfy him but to descend into the city beyond from the greatest elevation; and as this was in accord with the Indian [illegible] character as a deity, [illegible] to increase their awe and [illegible]. He went first and [illegible], sure of foot and [illegible] to the mountains of his native land, he [illegible] shout of wonder, which, to the excited imaginations of the Indians, [illegible] into supernatural [illegible]. Any one of these [illegible] could have [illegible] Pedro Mendoza in a [illegible], but so penetrated were they with awe [illegible], exclaiming and [illegible] themselves, [illegible] him with [illegible] human power with which he [illegible] to impress them.

"[illegible] Pedro [illegible] the summit of the highest peak, and [illegible] beauty so [illegible] that for a moment caused his sordid heart to forget all [illegible]. The sun was now well up in the sky, as if it had been a [illegible], and Mendoza was [illegible] feet [illegible], and at every [illegible] of the island, he could [illegible] waters of the [illegible] in hues of [illegible] and silver, palpitating as if with life and sparkling in the dazzling rays of the sun, to mingle like a sea of quicksilver.

"Here and there he could discern dark spots breaking the glistening expanse; and these he guessed to be islands. Somewhere, the [illegible] he had already visited [illegible] Columbus and his followers, [illegible] to which his late companions were now sailing; but he felt no longing to rejoin them, no regret for having deserted them. Here he was a prince, a god, and, if he did but [illegible] wisely, this beautiful island would soon be all his own and its people his subjects and devoted slaves.

"At that thought he withdrew his gaze from the vast expanse which had for a moment fascinated him, and looked down toward the fertile and beautiful valley at the foot of the mountains, a great emerald [illegible] with points of silver, turquoise, ruby, topaz and amethyst, for in that glorious light the mountains took on all hues and colors.

"By this time the Indians had reached Mendoza, and by signs and eager ejaculations they told him that he now beheld the city of their chief and the home of Anacaona.

"At first Pedro could see nothing but the valley, and for a moment a sharp spasm of disappointment and also of fear shot through his heart, for he thought the Indians had deceived him, and that neither city nor inhabitants lay before him. He saw, the keen [illegible] of the [illegible], but presently he began to distinguish specks of white and moving [illegible]. And then, in answer to the [illegible] gestures of his companions, he began [illegible] to descend the mountain, while the Indians went on ahead to prepare for his reception.

"The farther he descended the more plainly he could see this [illegible] city. There were several [illegible] and a number of [illegible] which, as he subsequently learned, were made of a species of [illegible] cotton cloth stretched upon frames of bamboo cane. The [illegible] were rude structures raised on foundations of logs, open on all sides, having roofs thatched with straw, leaves and grass, but within they were neat and clean and ornamented in many ways, showing a rude [illegible] that [illegible] on this [illegible].

TO BE CONTINUED.

BUILDING UP VIGOROUS WOMEN.

Value of Basketball in the Culture of Body and Brain.

"What sport this is! My, but basket ball [illegible]!" That is the invariable [illegible] of the stranger who witnesses a game of basketball between girls for the first time. She can [illegible] almost any college she happens to visit, from Massachusetts to California, [illegible] enough girls to [illegible], for basketball is enjoying an unprecedented popularity. The [illegible] in [illegible] the same [illegible] with enthusiasm for the [illegible] class lines, cavalier [illegible], and cheering lusty [illegible] in the midst of it the intervening [illegible] players, fight for victory and the honor of the class.

It is fun. That's one reason why the [illegible] in favor so quickly all [illegible]. But any one of the [illegible] pointing [illegible] for [illegible] of self[illegible] in the concentrated [illegible] that great, swift, [illegible] ball and [illegible] can tell the visitor that fun is not all. It [illegible] steady, hard work for long preliminary months, hours of practice in the gymnasium and on the field, before [illegible] strength and breath will last through the hard halves of a match game. [illegible], the players give [illegible] while they are training and [illegible] to bed early, with a [illegible] for a jolly party [illegible] many other things [illegible] to do, because they are on the team, and [illegible] won't unless every [illegible] to her level [illegible] the leaders in a well [illegible] grudge the pre[illegible] number of the [illegible] thrilling with the thought that she has helped to [illegible] for her class, [illegible].

When [illegible] of a [illegible] the benefits of basket [illegible] recognition [illegible] important in [illegible] seems to her the [illegible]. She thinks of [illegible] and [illegible] they show, the [illegible] that playing [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] manage their [illegible]. If she is a good [illegible] qualities [illegible]. Control [illegible] a well-balanced [illegible] a quick [illegible] quick thinking, an [illegible] to meet the ball, a [illegible] and balancing of [illegible] to catch it and [illegible] a winning ally. It [illegible]. A clip [illegible] bound not [illegible] only the mind [illegible] on the [illegible] of [illegible] hours, and [illegible] the cases of a basketball game.

But there is still another benefit of [illegible] a kind of [illegible] discipline, which critics of [illegible] say that [illegible] of all for her own happiness and best development. The [illegible] is apparent [illegible] a comrade always [illegible] spot where she can [illegible] the ball goes from one [illegible] with clocklike regular[illegible] "Magnificent team work" is the [illegible] spectators give it. But more than this, it indicates that the players have learned how to be a part of the whole. They are working for the team, not for themselves. They are willing to take the position of [illegible] to sacrifice [illegible] brilliant play and individual distinction for the good of the game.—Alice K. Fallows, in Good Housekeeping.

New Trimmings For Spring Gowns.

Never in the history of trimmings [illegible] variety [illegible] and [illegible] designs as are [illegible] for spring and summer [illegible]. The [illegible], too, are finer [illegible] highly [illegible] wave [illegible] shell edges. A [illegible] of Renaissance [illegible] with a [illegible]. On the [illegible] of narrow silk braid [illegible] while [illegible] shallow scallops [illegible] embroidery and [illegible] with lace [illegible].

The [illegible] braid trimmings of the season are both white and black, [illegible] vegetable silk, which has [illegible] than pure silk, and a [illegible] effect in trimmings. [illegible] effects and little bow [illegible] in the trimmings [illegible] the popular [illegible] loop and [illegible] edges. Crochet [illegible] to a considerable [illegible] the charming [illegible] in forming the ground [illegible]. A lovely [illegible] spring novelty is a white grenadine braid, with a centre of Roman lace edged with a silk cord in a wave design having little silk [illegible], and an outer edge formed of a [illegible] of narrow pointed silk braid.—Harper's Bazar.

What Women Are to Wear.

The first [illegible] blouse [illegible] materials for [illegible] are [illegible] canvas, drilling, and [illegible] cotton and linen [illegible] white and [illegible].

A new [illegible] of [illegible] of course only [illegible] It comes in a [illegible] of [illegible] and white [illegible] and [illegible].

The [illegible] and a [illegible] for all [illegible] gowns seem to have taken a new lease of life, and it is [illegible] in one way or another [illegible] gowns and [illegible].

Homespun, which was so popular during the past season, will [illegible] more [illegible]. It is [illegible] weight and [illegible] in [illegible]. The [illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible] homespun.

For softness of tone the new [illegible] have never [illegible] surpassed. [illegible] ranging from [illegible] bids fair to be [illegible] fashionable [illegible] ever, which is [illegible]. In cloth materials [illegible] into the smartest possible [illegible] tailor-suits. Really [illegible] there is nothing one can [illegible] different kinds of [illegible], to see the varying shades of [illegible] and [illegible].—Mrs. [illegible], in the Ladies' Home Journal.

Worn at a Wedding.

The most [illegible] dress worn at a recent smart wedding was not worn by bride or bridesmaid, but simply by a guest. [illegible] The prevailing [illegible] robe, but the [illegible] of pink [illegible] relief of delicate color [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] finished the [illegible]. [illegible] what suitable [illegible] gown was [illegible] difficulty, but [illegible] by selecting a large [illegible] trimmed with [illegible] and black ostrich plumes [illegible] whichever [illegible].

The bride [illegible] felt [illegible] But the [illegible] was in winning the [illegible] an artistic [illegible] like a [illegible] New York [illegible].

Helen Keller's Pet Dog.

Miss Helen Keller, the [illegible] blind and deaf [illegible] at Radcliffe College, [illegible] other day [illegible] she said: "I thank you [illegible] dear [illegible] have given [illegible] but even more [illegible] Keller [illegible] but [illegible] the [illegible].

PRETTY THINGS TO WEAR

Hand-sewed kid gloves [illegible] the latest importations [illegible] and are worn with walking suits.

The latest styles in [illegible] show [illegible] sleeves or long flowing [illegible].

Boleros of [illegible] late in the end, [illegible] ditions to [illegible].

The soft straw hats with [illegible] wide band of black satin [illegible] edge of the [illegible] are [illegible] suitable.

Coats [illegible] is [illegible] to be [illegible] for [illegible] in [illegible] they are [illegible].

Trimming with [illegible] from the [illegible] the world of [illegible] is to be [illegible].

On some of the [illegible] is [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible].

The bolero [illegible] if it [illegible] collar [illegible] long [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible]. If [illegible] as the bodice, they are very narrow.

A [illegible] in white silk. The same [illegible] repeated on the skirt and sleeve ends.

OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR

Poor Green.

[illegible] Green,
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
And [illegible]
—Philadelphia Record.

His First Year of Law.

Young Pease [illegible]—"What is your practice mostly?"

Young Lawyer—"Domestic economy."—[illegible]

A Misnomer.

"[illegible] a misnomer?"

"A [illegible] the [illegible] that [illegible] misnomer."—Yonkers Statesman.

[illegible]

Mr. [illegible] that [illegible] and [illegible]."

"[illegible] "I [illegible]" [illegible]

Had the Chances Gone.

"I don't like to get [illegible]."

"Why not?" asked he.

"Because I can't spend half an hour [illegible] and [illegible] and wonder [illegible]."—Chicago Commercial Tribune.

Confidence in Herself.

Alice—"I'm very fond of [illegible]. I think I could live [illegible]."

"Louise—Nonsense! There isn't a man there."

Alice—"But I could [illegible]."—New York Sun.

An Explanation.

"[illegible]"

"That [illegible] accounted for it," answered [illegible] Washington. "When [illegible] the time he [illegible] what he is saying."—Washington Star.

Wasn't Names.

Miss Smith—"Isn't my name [illegible] Mr. Long?"

Mr. Long [illegible]—"[illegible] it would [illegible] couldn't [illegible]."

[illegible]—Philadelphia [illegible].

In a Quandary.

"[illegible] your new [illegible]?"

"[illegible] but I'm afraid to [illegible]."

"[illegible]"

"[illegible] wages?"

"[illegible] why don't you [illegible]?"

"[illegible]."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

No Profit in Literature.

"Do you think there is any money in literature?"

"Loads of it," said the man, with a [illegible] air of prosperity. "In fact, I can [illegible] testify that there is."

"I didn't know you were a writer."

"I'm not. I'm an architect. I make a specialty of designing library buildings."—Washington Star.

A Peculiarity of Conscience.

"I suppose you will vote according to your conscience," said the friend.

"I will," answered the politician with [illegible].

"[illegible] will not [illegible]?"

"Well, I don't know. [illegible] than [illegible]."—Washington Star.

Modified His Temptation.

Indignant [illegible]—"Didn't you do nothing but laugh?"

Boy—"No, nothing at all."

"[illegible] the [illegible] did you [illegible] that? [illegible]"

"[illegible] and [illegible] of me hard, too! He [illegible]."

[illegible]—"[illegible]. You mustn't laugh in school, Johnny. It's against the rules."—[illegible].

Professional Enthusiasm.

"I am glad to hear that your patient has gotten well," said one young physician.

"Yes," answered the other, "I am [illegible] it was going to be one of the prettiest cases of [illegible] has ever happened. But prompt and [illegible] treatment brought him around and [illegible] a chance for a fine operation. I didn't know it was possible [illegible] feel so glad and so disappointed both at once."—Washington Star.

SNAKE AND SCENT.

Evidence That Serpents Follow Just as Hounds Do.

I [illegible] issue of February 1 a [illegible] from N. L. E., Millford, N. J., [illegible] an instance of a [illegible] following the trail of a rabbit [illegible] surprise thereat, [illegible].

I wish to [illegible] through the Forest and Stream to [illegible] N. L. E. that not only [illegible] many other [illegible] their prey in [illegible].

I [illegible] instances of it [illegible] and [illegible].

I [illegible] most singular [illegible] Three [illegible] May [illegible] squealing [illegible] the [illegible] come [illegible] its mouth. [illegible] and it at [illegible] into a [illegible] spread [illegible] around. [illegible] When it [illegible] speaking [illegible] carried on [illegible] over [illegible].

[illegible] we [illegible] snake and [illegible] saw its [illegible] it [illegible] I said, "I hope, let's [illegible] that the snake will [illegible] when [illegible] we stepped [illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] upon [illegible] wind [illegible] after [illegible] deep [illegible] being [illegible] when some [illegible] that [illegible] were [illegible] So [illegible] some minutes, [illegible] with [illegible] Forest [illegible].

[illegible] the Peerage.

[illegible] The [illegible] New [illegible] portrait [illegible] who are [illegible] and Sir John [illegible] had five children.

[illegible] descended from [illegible] Mary [illegible] eight [illegible] and [illegible] the Earls of [illegible] Bedford and [illegible] Ampthill. [illegible] Sir John [illegible] Wolsingham. Al[illegible] only is [illegible] Cromwell in the [illegible] consults [illegible] of the [illegible] to [illegible] posterity [illegible] days of [illegible] Gave is [illegible] that the [illegible] died [illegible] next term [illegible] School, [illegible] Earl [illegible] Chronicle.

[illegible] at Play.

[illegible] Alpine Club [illegible] and [illegible] Austria [illegible] mountains [illegible] in [illegible] the [illegible] festival in [illegible] who take [illegible] mountain shoot [illegible] which, beginning [illegible] to a [illegible] consists of a [illegible] up at [illegible] that the men and [illegible] and slide [illegible] to the bot[illegible].

About [illegible] of [illegible] are produced every year in France.