The Spoilers.

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CHAPTER XIV. dear Helen, don't you re alize that my official position carries with it a certain social obligation which

"I suppose so, Uncle Arthur; but I would much rather stay at home. "Tut, tut! Go and have a good time." "Dancing doesn't appeal to me any

I left that sort of thing back Now, if you would only come "No; I'm too busy. I must work tonight, and I'm not in a mood for such

things, snybow," "You're not well," his niece said. "I have noticed it for weeks. Is it hard work or are you truly iii? You're nervous; you don't ent; you're growing positively gaunt. Why, you're getting wrinkles like an old man" She rose from her seat at the breakfast table and went to him, smoothing his

silvered head with affection. He took her cool hand and pressed it to his cheek, while the worry that haunted him habitually of late gave

"It's work, little girl-hard and thankless work, that's all. This country is intended for young men, and I'm pervously as though at the thought.

"It's a terrible country this. I-I-"Don't say that," Helen cried spirit edly. "Why, it's glorious. Think of the honor. You're a United States You're making history; you're building a state; people will read about you." She stooped and klassed him, but he seemed to flinch beneath her caress "Of course I'll go if you think I'd better," she said, "though I'm not foud of Alaskan society. Some of the wonen are nice, but the others"- She shrugged her dainty shoulders. "They talk scandal all the time. One would think that a great, clean, fresh vigorous country like this would broaden

women as it broadens the meabut it doesn't." "I'll tell McNamara to call for you at 9 o'clock," said the Judge as he arose. So, later in the day, she prepared her long unused finery to such good purpose that when her excert called for her that evening he believed her the

garded her with a fresh access of pride, for the function proved to bear little resemblance to a mining camp party. The women were handsome gowns, and every man was in evening dress. The wide half ran the length of the hotel and was flanked with glass and its walls effectively deco-

fust like home. "I've seen quick rising cities before," he said, "but nothing like this

Still, if these northerners can build a railroad in a month and a city in a summer why shouldn't they have sym phony orchestras and Louis Quinze "I know you're a splendld dancer."

"You shall be my judge and jury. I'll sign this card as often as I dare without the certainty of violence at rest of the time I'll smoke in the lobby. I don't care to dance with any one but After the first waltz he left her sur-

rounded by partners and made his way out of the bulltoom. This was his first through his eiger smoke. relaxation since 'andling in the north. "You needn't tell me." It was well not to become a dull boy, he mused, and as he chewed his cigar he pictured, with an odd thrill, quite unusual with him, that siender, gray eved girl, with her coiled mass of hair, bit her lip. her ivory shoulders and merry smile. He saw her float past to the measure of a two-step and caught himself reenjoyment of the girl's charms even for an instant. "Hold on, Alec," he muttered day," he said, fleeking his cigar ashes

"You're too old a bird to lose your head." However, he was waiting for her before the time for their next looked at him, dance. She seemed to have lost a part of her gayety. "What's the matter? Aren't you en-

joying yourself?" "Oh, yes," she returned brightly.

"I'm having a delightful time" When he came for his third dance he led her to a seat they passed a noted it. knew to be wives of men prominent in the town. He had seen some of them Malotte is a jealous trick." at ten in Judge Stillman's house and therefore was astonished when they re- tioned curiously. that there was something wrong. He well that you don't,"

could not guess what. Affairs of men he could cope with, but the subtleties of women were out of his realm. "What alls those people? Have they

"I don't know what it is, I have spoken to them, but they cut me."

"Yes," Her voice trembled, but she held her head high. "It seems as though all the women in Nome were here and in league to ignore me. It dazes me. I do not understand."

"Has anybody said anything to you?" he inquired fleroely. "Any man, I

"No, no! The men are kind. It's the

"Come, we'll go home "Indeed, we will not," she said proud

ly. "I shall stay and face it out. I have done nothing to run away from, and I intend to find out what is the

beginning of the next dance, McNa-mara sought for some acquaintance whom he might question. Most of the men in Nome either hated or feared im, but he espied one that he thought suited his purpose and led him into a corner.

"I want you to answer a question No beating about the bush. Under stand? I'm blunt, and I want you to

"All right." "Your wife has been entertained at Miss Chester's house. I've seen her there. Touight she refuses to speak to the girl. She cut her dead, and I want to know what it's about."

"How should I know?" "If you don't know, I'll ask you to

The other shook his head amusedly too far along." His eyes grew grave at which McNamara flared up. again, and he squeezed her fingers "I say you will, and you'll make your wife apologize before she leaves this hall, too, or you'll answer to me, man to man. I won't stand to have a girl like Miss Chester cold decked by

a lunch of mining camp swells, and that goes as it lies." In his excitement judge and the first one to come here. McNamara reverted to his western The other did not reply at once, for h is embarrassing to deal with a person who disregards the conventions utterly

and at the same time has the inclina tion and force to compel obedience The boss' reputation had gone abroad "Well-er I know about it in a gen-

eral way, but of course I don't go much on such things. You'd better let it "There has been a lot of talk among

the ladies about-well, er-the fact is it's that young Glenlster. Mrs. Champlan had the next stateroom to themer-him-1 should say on the way up from the States, and she saw things Now, as far as I'm concerned, a gir can do as she pleases, but Mrs. Cham-pian has her own ideas of propriety Upon their arrival at the hotel he re-From what my wife could learn, there's some truth in the story, too, so you can't bleene her. With a word McNamara could have

explained the gossip and made this man put his wife right, forcing through her an elucidation of the stilly affair in such a way as to spare Helen's boxes, while its floor was like polished feelings and cover the busy tongues magples with confusion. Yet be hest tated. It is a wise skipper who frims "Oh, how lovely!" exclaimed Helen his sails to every breeze. He thanked as she first caught sight of it. "it's his informant and left him. Entering the labby, he saw the girl hurrying "Take me away, quick! I want to go

"You've changed your mind?" "Yes, let us go," she panted, an when they were outside she walked s rapidly that he had difficulty in keep ing pace with her. She was silent, and when they arrived at her house he entered, took off his overcout am turned up the light in the tiny parlor the hands of these young men, and the She flung her wraps over a chair storming back and forth like a little fury. Her eyes were starry with tears of anger, her face was flushed, her hands worked nervously. He leanes against the mantel, watching her

length. "I know all about it." "I am glad you do. I never could repeat what they said. Oh, it was

brutal?" Her voice caught, and she bit her lip. "What made me ask them? Why didn't I keep still? After you left I went to those women and senting the thought of another man's tal! Yet, why should I care?" She stamped her slippered foot. "I shall have to kill that man some

> into the grate. "What man?" She stood still and "Glenister, of course, If I had

thought the story would ever reach you I'd have shut him up long ago." "It didn't come from him," she cried. bot with indignation. "He's a gentle man. It's that cat, Mrs. Champian."

He shrugged his shoulders the slight she was more distrait than ever. As eat bit, but it was eloquent, and she group of women, among whom were did it intentionally-he's too decent a Mrs. Champain and others whom he chap for that but anybody's tongue will wag to a beautiful girl! My lady "Malotte! Who is she?" Helen ques

He seemed surprised. "I thought ev turned his greeting, but ignored Helen.

She shrank slightly, and he realized ery one knew who she is. It's just as

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There was a pause.

Who is Miss Mulotte?" He studied for a moment, while she watched him. What a splendid figure | man." make in his evening clothes! The cony room with its shaded lights enhunced his size and strength and rug god outlines. In his eyes was that adpiration which women has for. He lifted his hold, handsome face and met

"I had rather leave that for you to ind out, for I'm not much at scandal I have semething more important to fell you. It's the most important thing I have ever said to you Helen." It was the first time he had used that name, and she began to tremble, while her eyes sought the door in a panic. She had expected this moment, and yet was not ready.

"Not tonight. Don't say it now, she managed to articulate. Yes, this is a good time. If you in't amower. I'll come back tomorrow want you to be my wife. I want to e you everything the world offers. od I want to make you happy, girl. and if there is maything you want la life, I'll lay it at your feet. I can do feet insecure, as though standing on leaping from flow to flow with the hun-He lifted his massive arms, and in set of his strong, square face wa

give it to her-love, protection, poston, adoration. She stammered uncertainly till the millation and chagrin she had suffered this night swept over her again. This town this crude, half born min ng camp-had turned against her, mis indged her cruelly. The women were mylous, clacking scandal mongers, all of them, who would estracte her and make her life in the northland a misery, make her an outcast with nothing to sustain her but her own solitary pride. She could pleture her future learly, pitilessly, and see herself standing alone, villfied, harassed in a thousand cutting ways, yet unable to run away or to explain. She would have to stay and face it, for her life stake in a winter or marry a million was bound up here during the next few venrs or so, or as long as her uncle remained a judge. This man would free her. He loved her; he offered her everything. He was bager than all he rest combined. They were his playsings, and they knew it. She was no sure that she loved him, but his man actism was overpowering and her adnightion intense. No other man she md ever known compared with him except Glenister- Bah! The beast! He

had insulted her at first; he wronged "Will you be my wife, Helen?" the nnu repeated softly. She dropped her head, and he strode

forward to take her in his arms, then stopped listening. Some one run up on the porch and bammered loudly at the door. McNamara scowled, walked into the hall and flung the portal open, dis "Hello, McNamara! Been boking all

pay?" Helen sighed with relief an

gathered up her cloak, while the hun

of their voices reached her indistinctly

She was given plenty of time to regai

her composure before they appeared.

When they did, the politician spoke

"I've been called to the mines, and I

"You bet! It may be too late now

horse is saddled at the office. Better

"You say Voorhees has gone with

twenty deputies, ch? That's good. You

"I telephoned out to the creek for

the boys to arm themselves and throw

"What is the trouble?" Miss Cheste

"There's a plot on to attack the mine

tonight," answered the lawyer. "The

"You mustn't go out there," she cried

"That's just why I must go," said

McNamara, "Til come back in the morning, though, and I'd like to see

on alone. Good night!" There was

a strange, new light in his eyes as he

left her. For one unversed in woman's

ways he played the game surprisingly

well, and as he hurried toward his of

fice he smiled grimly into the darkness

you, Mr. Glenister," he said to him

"She'll answer me tomorrow. Thank

That's why I took the risks I did in

bringing you those papers. I thought you got them in time to avoid all this."

Strave laughed a bit, eying ber cu-

aghast. "There will be bloodshed."

other side are trying to seize them, and

out pickets. If you hurry, you can go

not wait to change your clothes."

stay here and find out all you can.

inquired anxiously.

"What happened then?"

came to Nome. She followed him finally and last week evened up her score She pald him back for saving ber! haven't heard about it."

bling episode at the Northern saloon and concluded: "I'd like to have seen that turn, for they say the excitement was keeping cases and at the fluish slammed her case keeper shut and declared the bet off because she had made a mistake. Of it got its name from the fact that it stairs, source they couldn't dispute her, and was sighted by Magellan at night in she stuck to it. One of the bystanders told me she lied, though."

"So, in addition to his other vices he?" said Helen with heat. "I am ed the Horn and so gave the name proud to be indebted to such a charac. "Pacific" to a part of the ocean which ter. Truly this country breeds wonder-

chuckled, "He's never been known to pole is located, is anything but "hap-

tions?" she cried angrity. Why did I ever come here?"

A Lazy Liver

May be only a tired liver, or a starved liver. It would be a stupid as well as savage thing to beat a weary or starved man because he lagged in his work, in treating the lagging, torpid liver it is a great mistake to lash it with strong drastic drugs. A torpid liver is but an body whose organs are weary with over work. Start with the stomach and allied organs of digestion and nutrition. Put them in working order and see how quickly your liver will become active. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has made many marvelous cures of "liver trouble" by its wonderful control of the organs of digestion and nutrition. It restores the normal activity of the stemach, increases the secretions of the blood-making glands, cleanses the system from polsonous accumulations, and so relieves the liver of the burdens imposed upon it by the defection of other organs. If you have bitter or bed taste in the morn-

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"Does Uncle Arthur know about "Those things are a part of every "No; we don't let him know anything had till this year. But it is women more than necessary. He's not a strong like you that we fellows need, Miss ann." Helen. You can help us a lot." She "Yes, yes. He's not well." Again did not like the way he was booking at the lawyer smiled. "Who is behind her and remembered that her uncle

outer garments and threw ever her

the sick old man sleeping near by she

If a candle and slipped downstairs to

she thought, as she unchained the

As she opened it she fell back amaz-

grim and determined, his soft, white

Winchester rifle. Beneath his cordu-

yellow with shells, and the nickeled

flash of a revolver. Without invita-

"The vigilantes are on their way

sosom and the color died out of her

face, then at a slight noise above they

wrapped himself in a dressing gown

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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on the map is that of Tierra del Fuego,

the "Land of Fire." The name would

is exceptionally subject to storms.

not discover the new world,

disheg."-Bohemian.

the name of the rest.

parley with the rank and file.

"'Well,' said he, 'and what is it you

his bands.

What They Wanted.

my house, where I can protect you."

closing the door behind him.

"I don't understand."

was meetable and asleep.

"We think it is Glenister and his New Mexican bundit partner. At least for it's late and I am very tired."

The clock showed half past 12, so after letting him out, she extinguished was silent for a time. "I suppose they really think they the light and dragged herself wearlly up to her room. She removed her

this vigliante movement?"

was more back of this great, flores turned to her formentingly. So Glen-creatures, struggle than she knew. It was impossister had saved her life also at the For the struggle than she knew. It was impos-sible that injustice had been done the risk of his own. What a very gallant the ofter is admirably adapted by mine owners, and yet scattered talk cavaller he was, to be sure! He should reached her which was puzzling bear a cost of arms—a dragon, an

hollow ground. "Yes, this whole disturbance is caus-

"Who is Miss Malotte?"

most dangerous."

"In what way? Who is she?" "It's hard to say who or what she is She's different from other women She came to Dawson in the early days -just came we didn't know how whence or why, and we never found out. We woke up one morning, and there she was. By night we were all Jealous, and in a week we were mo of us driveling bliots. It might have been the mystery or perhaps the com-petition. That was the day when a dance hall girl could make a home

aire in a month, but she never bother ed. She tolled not, neither did she spin on the waxed floors, yet Solomon in all his glory would have looked like a tramp beside her." "You say she is dangerous?" "Well, there was a young nobleman

in the winter of '98, Dane, I think fine family and all that big yellov haired boy. He wanted to marry her, but a fare dealer shot him. Then there was Rock of the mounted police, the finest officer in the service. He was cashiered. She knew he was going to pot for her, but she didn't seem to care-and there were others. Yet, with it all, she is the most generous pers and the most tender hearted. Why. she has fed every 'stew burn' on the pector in the country who wouldn't swear by her, for she has grubstaked lozens of them. I was horribly in love with her myself. Yes, she's dangered all right to everybody but Glenister."

"What do you mean."
"She had been across the Yukon to both looked up to see Judge Stillman leaning far over the banister. He had nurse a man with scurvy, and coming back she was caught in the spring breakup. I wasn't there, but it seems and now gripped the rail convulsively, this Glenister got her ashore somehow while his features were blanched to when nobody else would tackle the job. the color of putty and his eyes were They were carried five miles down wide with terror, though puffed and stream in the ice pack before he sue | swellen from sleep. His lips moved in

"She fell in love with him, of course "And he worshiped her as madly a

all the rest of you, I suppose," she said "That's the peculiar part. She hypnotized him at first, but he ran away, and I didn't bear of him again till I

He detailed the story of the gam imply that it was a land of volcanoes in constant activity. The fact is, however, that it contains no volcanoes and

"There's where you're wrong," Strave The news came an hour ago, but I couldn't find you," said Strave. "Your "Oh. I'm tired of these contradic

gambling halls, scandals, adventur-esses: Ugh! I hate it! I hate it!

you, Mr. Glenister," he said to him self.

Helen questioned Struve at length, but gained nothing more than that secret service men had been at work for weeks and had today uncarthed the fact that vigilantes had been formed. They had heard onough to make them think the mines would be jumped again tought and so had given the alarm.

"Have you hired spies?" she asked increditionsly.

"Sure. We had to The other people shadowed us, and it's come to a point where it's life or death to one side or the other. I told McNamara we'd have bloodshed before we pere through, when he first outlined the scheme—I mean when the trouble began."

She wrung her hands. "That's what uncle feared before we left Seattle. That's why I took the risks I did in helpsging you have been proposed. The seates are endorsed and extelled by the most eminent medical writers of the age and are recommended to writer the diseases for which it is advised.

OTTERS AS ANGLERS.

Clever at Catching Their Finny Prey and Dainty In Eating It. Hunters and trappers have so depleted fur bearing animals that few

are left who catch and eat fish, and it is fortunate the otter is now comparatively scarce in our northeastern states, for he is a terrible and persevering for to fish. He is so dainty that he will frequently kill several large fish in a day, devour-But they don't, do they? Somehow bare shoulders a negligese of many ing only those portions which best this question had recurred to her in- flounces and bewildering, clinging please his painte, leaving the reing only those portions which best sistently of late, for things were con-stantly happening which showed there braids the story of theory Malotte re-come the prey of other fish loving

For the pursuit of his finny prey nature. The body is lithe and ser-When she strove to follow it up, her armed knight and a fainting maiden. pentine, the feet are farnished with a broad web that connects the toes, subject. She was baffled on every ones," should be the motto on his which are of infinite service in prostile. The three local newspapers up-held the court. She read them care the north," Strave had said. She ter; the tail is long, broad and flat, there'll be no gossep hereafter—I'll fully and was more at sea than ever didely you from everything unpleasant, and if there is anything you want in of alarm and unrest that caused her to the first the permission of the permissi gry river surging and snapping at his hair of the body is of two kindsfeet, while the cheers of the crowd on one a close, fine, soft fur, which The promise that she should have what ed by those two. Only for them we'd ever she craved if mortal man could be all right."

Yes, this whole disturbance is cause feet, while the class feet, while t her up and tight his way back to other composed of long, shining, He answered promptly, "The hand-somest woman in the north and the death drauging at his beels. What a mul to glide easily through water strong embrace he had? At this she bhashed and realized with a shock that preventing the slippery prey from while she was mooning that very man escaping, so that the quick and night be fighting band to hand in the darkness of a mountain garge with the wary fish fall easy victims to the otter's superior aquatic powers. So easily does it glide into the water A moment later some one mounted the front steps below and knocked scarcely a ripple is seen to mark Truly this was a night of the time and place of its entrance, Would people never cease and on emerging upon the shore its body is withdrawn from the stream the thought of the tragedy abroad and with the same noiseless ease.

> When the otter is engaged in eating the fish captured, it holds the avoid disturbing him. Doubtiess it was some message from McNamara. slippery prey between its forepawa and begins with the back of th neck, eating away the fine, flaky ment of the shoulders and rejecting ed while it swung wide and the can the head, tail and other parts. The dle flame flickered and sputtered in the night sir. Roy Glenister stood there, average daily food is about four fish, weighing two or three pounds Stetson pulled low, his tronsers tucked not necessarily all trout, but trout into tan half boots, in his hand a and young salmon are preferred to other coarse fish .- Louis Rhead in roy coat she saw a loose cartridge belt, Recreation.

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tion he strode across the threshold, ment try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, It has no superior for sprains and swell-"Miss Chester, you and the judge must dress quickly and come with ings. A piece of flannel slightly dam pened with Palm Balm is superior to a plaster for lame back or pains in the ide or chest. It also relieves rheu matic pains and makes sleep and rest ere to hang him. Come with me to possible. For sale by English Drug Co Remember this, in after years,

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Contributor-Has that poem any

Editor-Oh, yes. If it hadn't ! would throw you out of the window But it is good enough to permit you is a country of perpetual wet and cold, to steal quietly down the back

He Fought at Gettysburg-

David Parker of Fayette, N. Y. been ignited by the natives on shore The same discoverer happened to have writes: "Electric Bitters have done very fine weather after be had round-"Pacific" to a part of the ocean which ever took. For several years I had Welcome. stomach trouble and paid out much Again, Boothia Felix, a peninsula in money for medicine to little purarctic America, in which the magnetic pose, until I began taking Electric Bitters. I would not take \$500 for pr" or "pleasant," as its name would imply. It was named after Sir Felix what they have done for me, Booth, who provided funds for the ex- Grand tonic for the aged and for pedition which discovered it. In anoth- female weaknesses. Great alteraer sense the name of America is whol- tive and body builder; sure cure ly misleading, since it is derived from for lame back and weak kidneys. that of America Vespucel, who did Guaranteed by English Drug Comрану. 50с.

From Personal Experience. Uncle Eli felt he knew the metropolis pretty well. Had he not been Tommy - Does an inheritance tax punish a man for being dead or his there three times in four years? And heir for being alive! twice he had ridden on the elevated. So when he brought Aunt Susan with Biliousness and Constipation. him (on the fourth trips he naturally assumed the role of guide.

For years I was troubled with bilious She marveled at everything until ness and constipation which made life they sat down for luncheon. They miserable for me. My appetite tailed had gone into the Hotel Astor for that me. I lost my usual force and vitali meal, but all its other marvels seemed ty. Pepsin preparations and cathartics lost on the visiting country hostess as only made matters worse. I do not she looked open eyed at the crowds know where I should have been today that filled not only the corridors, but had I not tried Chamberlain's Stom-the restaurants. Scarcely had they ach and Liver Tablets. The tablets found seats when this amazement took relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthens the digestive functions, helping "Ell," said she in a stage whisper, the system to do its work naturally. I can't set here an' ent peaceably. I Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. les' must go downstairs an' help pore These tablets are for sale by English Missus Astor with the cookin' and Drug Company.

"Your little boy seems very quiet. He's fond of arithmetic, isn't "You fellows don't know exactly he! I notice that he's counting on what you want," said a politician to a committee that called on him. "You "Yes. He spends most of his

semind me of a schoolteacher who time counting the days to Christentited me of a section of pupils on mas." "That portion of the school who at-

tempted this miniature rebellion sent a troubles than Kodol, which contains committee to state their grievance in the same juices found in a healthy he name of the rest. | stomach. Kodol is offered on a guar-"But the principal would have no anteed plan for the relief of heartburn, words with them. He simply locked flatulence, sour stomach, beiching of them in his room and went down to gas, nausea and all stomach troubles So at times when you don't feel just right, when you are drowsy after meals and your head aches or when you have "'We want the same as the other no ambition and you are cross and irritable, take a little Kodol. It digests "What is that?"
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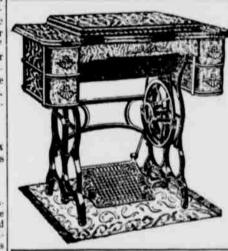
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