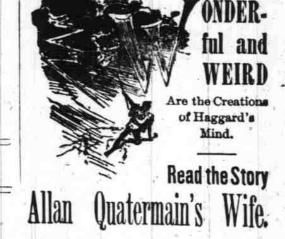
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> "She," "Jess," etc. HAPTER XII

Author of "Colonel Quaritch, V. C.," "Mr.

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Lions," "Allan Quatermain,"

The natives looked at the torn dogs, and at the marks of viothem swearing to

Wm . Il Smith of Wake. this vast stretch of mountain ground, I have spoken of. which no man yet had ever fully explored? They were lost, and in all human probability lost for ever. To and fro we wandered hopelessly till at last dawn found us footsore and

weary nearly at the spot whence we had started. We sat down waiting for the sun to rise, and the men ate of such food as they had brought with them, and sent to the kraals for more.

I sat upon a stone with a breaking heart. I cannot describe my feelings. Let the reader put himself in my position and perhaps he may get some idea of them. Near me was old Indabazimbi, who sat staring straight before him as though he were looking into space, and taking note of what went on there. An idea struck me. This man had some occult power. Several times during our adventures he had prophesied, and in every case his prophecies had proved true. He it was who, when we escaped from the Zulu Impi, had told me to steer north, because there we should find the place of a white man who lived under the shadow of a great peak that was full of baboons. Perhaps he could help in this extremit -at any

"Indaba-zimbi," I said, "you say that you can' send your spirit through the doors of space and see what we cannot abili District, W. H. H. Cowles, Wilkes, see. At the least I know that you can nth District, H & Ewart. Henderson. do strange things. Can you not help me now? If you can, and will save her, I will give you half the cattle that we

rate it was worth trying.

"I never said anything of the sort, have been no good to ask me before, for the pot full of water.

had prickly leaves, shaped very much Indaba-zimbi, smiling. like those of the common English nettle. "Now, Macumazahn," he went on, "bid the men leave us alone, and then down there by the water." I did so. When I reached the glade I

"Sit there, Macumazahn," he said,

pointing to a stone near the fire, "and dc eaten." not be surprised or frightened at anywe shall learn nothing.'

old fellow stripped himself stark naked, of the great hill. and, going to the foot of the pool, dipped WCTU, Regular meeting every Thurs- his lungs till I saw that he was exhibiting We marched along the wall for a dis- ing him down. But she did not stay to his throat and chest swelled, he gasped Indaba-zimbi halted. ently herfell over on his side, and lay and ellipse shaped. It cannot have been Masonic Hall 1st and 3rd Tuesday senseless. I was terribly alarmed, and more than twenty feet high by ten wide, my first impulse was to run to his assist- and was partially hidden by ferns and

caution and sat quiet. Indaba-zimbi lay on the ground like a doubt if I should ever have noticed it, person quite dead. His limbs had all the for there were many such cracks and utter relaxation of death. But as I crannies in the rocky face of the great watched I saw them begin to stiffen, ex- mountain. day nights at Old Fellows' Hall, T Actly as though rigor mortis had set in.

Tearmalt, Dictator, Arthur Mayo, Then, to my astonishment, I perceived the place. The first thing I noticed was them once more relax, and this time that the rock, which was not quite per-Chicore Council, No 350, American Le- there appeared upon his chest the stain pendicular, had been worn by the contin-

I sat amazed watching this uncanny It was a pocket-handkerchief. sight, and wondering if any further nat- Now there was no more doubt about ural process was about to be enacted. the matter. With a beating heart I be-Perhaps Indaba-zimbi was going to fall gan the ascent. For the first twenty feet to dust before my eyes. As I watched I it was comparatively easy, for the rock Excelsion Lorge, No. 31, O.G. (meets observed that the discoloration was be shelved; the next ten feet was very diffilst and 2nd tuesday night at Odd ginning to fade. First it vanished from cult, but still possible to an active man, because we did not count, but it was a Frilows' Hall Dr S. T. Nicholsoon the extremities, then from the larger and I achieved it, followed by Indaba-the extremities, then from the larger and I achieved it, followed by Indaba-the extremities, then from the larger rimbi. But the last twelve or fifteen Commander, Dr H Snell, Secretary. limbs, and lastly from the trunk. Then zimbi. But the last twelve or fifteen

I was too astonished to speak; I simply looked at him with my mouth open. ding his white lock in a comical fashion, the first baboon we had seen that morn-"it is all right; I have seen her."

"Seen who?" I said. Stella in her ear and told her not to be frighthad been ened, for you would soon rescue her, and taken. that meanwhile she must seem to be passage and saw that the gulley was pleased to have Hendrika near her."

"Liow could you whisper in her ear?" Bah! Macumazahu. How could f

each other that bass the doors of space, as you call them. ing their huge teeth. I waited till they whether the Star I had to draw all the healthy strength were within fifteen yards. Then I fired would not reat this power to speak with the Star. It was a with slugs, right into the thick of them. they had externidangerous business, Macumazahn, for if In that narrow place the report echoed inated every baboon on Babyan's peak. I had let things go a little further they like a cannon shot, but its sourd was I echoed the oath, and, as shell be seen, must have stopped so, and there would quickly swallowed in the volley of pierc-We started on along the stream, fol-lowing the spoor of the baboons as we you think you know everything. But had plowed through the number of the best could. But the stream left no spoor, you don't! You are always staring at baboons, of which at least a dozen lay and the bord, rocky banks but little. the clouds and can't see the things that dead or dying in the passage. For a mo-Still we wandered on. All night we lie at your feet. You hardly believe me ment they hesitated, then they came on wandered through the lonely moonlit val- now, do you, Macumazahn? Well, I will again with a hideous clamor. Fortunatelevs, startling the silence into a thousand show you. Have you anything on you ly by this time Indaha-zimbi, who also echoes with our cries. But no answer that the Star has touched or worn?" had a gun, was standing by my side, oth-

came to them. In vain our eyes searched I thought for a moment, and said that erwise I should have been torn to pieces the sides of precipices formed of water I had a lock of her hair in my pocket- before I could reload. He fired both barriven rocks fantastically piled one upon book. He told me to give it to him. I rels into them, and again checked the another; in vain we searched through did so. Going to the fire, he lit the lock rush. But they came on again, and notendless dells and fern clad crannies. of hair in the flame, and let it burn to withstanding the appearance of two na-There was nothing to be found. How ashes, which he caught in his left hand. tives with guns, which they let off with here. All he could say was that this was could we expect to find two human These ashes he mixed up in a paste with more or less success, we should have been the place, and that the "Star" was hidden beings hidden away in the recesses of the juice of one of the leaves of the plant overwhelmed by the great and ferocious "Now, Macumazahn, shut your eyes,"

> I did so, and he rubbed his paste on my head swam strangely. Presently this effectly clear again, but I could not feel the ground with my feet. Indaba-zimbi led me to the side of the stream. Beneath "Look into the pool, Macumazahn,"

said Indaba-zimbi, and his voice sounded hollow and far away in my ears. woman, Hendrika. She was clothed in drika, her long hair flying, madness writbaboon skins, and her face had been ten on her face, and in her arms was the rubbed with some dark stain, which was, senseless form of little Tota.

however, wearing off. Macumazahn," he answered. "I do to worship. Then she would stare at to us. One bowlder leaped past me and things, I do not talk about them. Neither the poor child and gnash her teeth as struck down a Kaffir behind; another rushed to it. It was Stella! Stella bound do I seek reward for what I do like a though with hate. Clearly she was jeal- fell from the roof of the arch on to a with strips of hide, bruised, torn, but common witch doctor. It is well that ous of it. Round the entrance arch of man's head and killed him, Indaba-zimbi you have asked me to use my wisdom, the cave peeped and peered the heads lifted his gun to shoot Hendrika; I Macumazahn, for I should not have used of many baboons. Presently Hendrika knocked it up so that the shot went over it again without being asked-no, not made a sign to one of them; apparently her, crying that he would kill the child. even for the sake of the Star and yourself, she did not speak, or rather grunt, in Then I shouted to the men to open out whom I love, for if so my spirit would order not to wake Stella. The brute and form a line from side to side of the had a part, for my life was concerned as ond rude wooden pot which was lying well as yours; but in this matter I have by her. It took it and went. The last no part, and therefore I might not use thing that I saw, as the vision slowly my wisdom unless you thought well to vanished from the pool, was the dim call upon my spirit. However, it would shadow of the baboon returning with cult to say who fought the more forcely,

I have only just found the herb I want." Presently everything had gone. and he produced a handful of leaves of ceased to feel strange. There beneath came, encouraged by the screams of a plant that was unfamiliar to me. It me was the pool, and at my side stood

"You have seen things," he said. "I have," I answered, and made no further remark on the matter. What follow me presently to the little glade was there to say? "Do you know the path to the cave?" I added. He nodded his head. "I did not follow

found Indaba-zimbi kindling a small fire it all just now, because it winds," he under the shadow of a tree by the edge of said. "But I know it. We shall want

We went up the valley, following the thing you see. If you move or call out course of the stream for about a mile; then Indaba-zimbi made a sudden turn I sat down and watched. When the to the right along another kloof, of which fire was alight and burning brightly, the there were countless numbers in the base

On we went through kloof after kloof. bimself in the water. Then he came Indaba-zimbi, who led us, was never at back shivering with the cold, and, lean- a loss; he turned up gulleys and struck ing piteously, waited to be slain. ing over the little fire, thrust leaves across necks of hills with the certainty of the plant I have mentioned into his of a hound on a hot scent. At length, of the plant I have mentioned into his of a hound on a hot scent. At length, mouth and began to chew them, mutter after about three hours march, we came horrible insanity. I lifted my gun, but ing as he chewed. Most of the remaining leaves he threw onto the fire. A dense leaves he threw onto the fire. A dense leaves he threw onto the fire. A dense slope of the great peak. On one side of was but a mad thing, half ape, half smoke rose from them, but he held his this valley was a series of stony koppies, woman. So I sprang to one side, and head in this smoke and drew it down into on the other rose a sheer wall of rock. she landed full on Indaba-zimbi, knockevery sign of suffocation. The veins in tance of some two miles. Then suddenly do any more. Wailing terribly, she

were streaming, seemed as though they fo an opening in the cliff. This opening were going to start from his head. Pres- was about forty feet from the ground, ance, but fortunately I remembered his bushes that grew about it in the surface of the cliff. Keen as my eyes were, I

gious of Honor speets every 2nd and of decomposition. It spread and spread; ual passage of baboons; the second, that th Thursday nights at Odd Fellows' in three minutes the man, to all appear-liall. (M Brown, commander; ance, was a livid corpse. something white was hanging on a bush uear the top of the ascent.

in turn came the third stage of relaxa-| feet could only be scaled by throwing a tion, the second stage of stiffness or rigor, rope over the trunk of a stunted tree, and the first stage of after-death collapse. which grew at the bottom of the When all these had rapidly succeeded opening. This we accomplished with each other, Indaba-zimbi quietly woke some trouble, and the rest was easy. A foot or two above my head the handkerchief fluttered in the wind. Hanging to the rope, I grasped it. It was my wife's. "Well, Macumazahn," he said, putting As I did so I noticed the face of a baboon his head on one side like a bird and nod- overing at me over the c'e of the cleft,

ing. The brace Lave a bark and vanis 'cd. Thrusting the handkerchief into "The Star, your wife, and the little my breast. I set my feet against the cliff maid. They are much frightened, but and scrambled up as hard as I could go. spot unharmed. The babyan-frau watches I knew that we had no time to lose, for the them. She is mad; but the baboons obey the baboon would quickly alarm the stream her and do not hurt them. The Star was others. I gained the cleft. It was a where sleeping from weariness, so I whispered mere arched passage cut by water, ending in a gulley, which led to a wide open space of some sort. I looked through the

> black with baboons. On they came by You whispered in her ear?" I said. the hundred I unslung my elephant gun from my shoulders, and waited, calling to the men below to come up seet to die and go rotten before your with all possible speed. The brutes You don't know, do you? Well, streamed on down the gloomy gulf towill tell you one thing. I had to die to wards me, barking, grunting and showand life from my body in order to gather the elephant gun, which was loaded have been an end of Indaba-zimbi. Ah, ing human sounding groans and screams apes had I not by this time succeeded in reloading the elephant gun. When they were right on to us I fired, with even more deadly effect than before, for at evelids. At first it burnt me, then my that distance every slug told on their long line. The howls and screams of rage fect passed off, and my brain was per- and fury were now something inconceivable. One might have thought that we us was a pool of beautifully clear water. overhanging arch of rock made it I looked. The water grew dark: it sented by monkish fancy. But the last cleared, and in it was a picture. I saw shot was too much for them; they witha cave with a fire burning in it. Against drew, dragging some of their wounded

were doing battle with a host of demons; indeed in that light-for the very dark-the gnashing snouts and somber glowing eyes of the apes looked like those of devils as they are reprethe wall of the cave rested Stella. Her with them, and thus gave us time to get dress was torn almost off her, she looked our men up the cliff. In a few minutes dreadfully pale and weary, and her eye- all were there, and we advanced down lids were red as though with weeping. the passage, which presently opened into But she slept, and I could almost think a rocky gulley with shelving sides. This that I saw her lips shape my name in gulley had a water way at the bottom of her sleep. Close to her, her head upon it: it was about a hundred yards long. Stella's breast, was little Tota; she had a and the slopes on either side were topped skin thrown over her to keep out the by precipitous cliffs. I looked at these night cold. The child was awake, and slopes; they literally swarmed with baappeared to be mouning with fear. By boons, grunting, barking, screaming, the fire, and in such a position that the and beating their breasts with their long light fell full upon her face, and en- arms in fury. I looked up the water way; gaged in cooking something in a rough along it, accompanied by a mob, or, as ently the passage opened into a small pot shaped from wood, sat the baboon- it were, a guard of baboons, came Hen-

She saw us, and a foam of rage burst In the intervals of her cooking she from her lips, She screamed aloud. To would turn on Stella her wild eyes, in me the sound was a mere inarticulate which glared visible madness, with an cry, but the baboons clearly understood expression of tenderness that amounted it, for they began to roll rocks down on their two comrades, they obeyed me, and keeping in the water way myself, together with Indaba-zimbi and the other guns, I gave the word to charge.

Then the real battle began. It is diffithe natives or the baboons. The Kaffirs charged along the slopes, and as they Hendrika, who rushed to and fro holding the wretched Toto before her as a shield, the apes bounded at them in fury. Scores were killed by the assegais and many more fell beneath our gun shots. but still they came on. Nor did we go scathless. Occasionally a man would slip, or be pulled over in the grip of a baboon. Then the others would fling themselves upon him like dogs on a rat, and worry him to death. We lost five men in this way, and I myself received a bite through the fleshy part of the left "Then let us be starting; the men have arm, but fortunately a native near me

assegaied the animal before I was pulled At length, and all of a sudden, the baboons gave up. A panic seemed to seize them. Notwithstanding the cries of Hendrika they thought no more of fight, but only of escape; some even did not attempt to get away from the assegais of the Kaffirs, they simply hid their horrible faces in their paws, and, moan-

Hendrika saw that the battle was lost Dropping the child from her arms, she rushed down the gulley and through the loudly, and his eyes, from which tears "There is the place," he said, pointing baboons, and vanished from our sight. arch, followed by many of the surviving

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bitten, while but few without some tokens whereby he might remember what a baboon's teeth and claws are like. How many of the brutes we killed I never knew.

szock must have been low about Babyan's peak for many years afterwards. From that day to this, however, I have always avoided baboons, feeling more afraid of them than any beast that lives.

The path was clear, and we rushed for-

ward up the water-course. But first we

picked up little Tota. The child was not in a swoon, as I had thought, but paralyzed by terror, so that she could scarcely speak. Otherwise she was unhurt. though it took her many a week to recover her nerve. Had she been older, and had she not remembered Hendrika, I doubt if she would have recovered it She knew me again, and flung her little arms about my neck, clinging to me so closely that I did not dare to give her to any one else to carry lest I should add to her terrors. So I went on with her in my arms. The fears that pierced my heart may well be imagined. Should find Stella alive or dead? Should I find her at all? Well, we should soon know now. We stumbled on up the steny water-course; notwithstanding the weight of Tota, I led the way, for suspense lent me wings. Now we were through, and an extraordinary scene lay before us. We were in a great natural amphitheatre, only it was three times the size of any amphitheatre ever shaped by man.

thus inclosed was level, studded with park-like trees, brilliant with flowers, and having a stream running through the center of it that, as I afterwards discovered, welled up from the ground at the head of the open space. We spread ourselves out in a line searching everywhere, for Tota was too overcome to be able to tell us where Stella was hidden away. For nearly half an hour we searched and searched. scanning the walls of rock for any possible opening to a cave. In vain-we could find none. I applied to old Indabazimbi, but his foresight was at fault somewhere in a cave, but where the cave was he could not tell. At last we came to the top of the amphitheatre. There before us was a wall of rock, of which

and the walls were formed of precipitous

cliffs, ranging from one to two hundred

feet in height. For the rest, the space

I walked along it, calling at the top of Presently my heart stood still, for l thought I heard a faint answer. I drew nearer to the place from which the sound seemed to come, and again called. Yes. there was an answer in my wife's voice. It seemed to come from the rock. went up to it and searched among the creepers, but still could find no opening "Move the stone," cried Stella's voice

the lower parts were here and there

clothed in grasses, lichens and creepers.

'the cave is shut with a stone," I took a spear and prodded at the cliff whence the sound came. Suddenly the spear sank in through a mass of lichen. swept the lichen aside, revealing bowlder that had been rolled into the mouth of an opening in the rock, which it fitted so accurately that, covered as it was by the overhanging lichen, it might well have escaped the keenest eye. We dragged the bowlder out; it was two men's work to do it. Beyond was a narrow, water worn passage, which I followed with a beating heart. Prescave, shaped like a pickle bottle, and coming to a neck at the top end. We passed through and found ourselves in a second, much larger cave, that I at once recognized as the one of which Indabazimbi had shown me a vision in the water. Light reached it from abovehow I know not-and by it I could see a form half sitting, half lying on some skins at the top end of the cave. I

still Stella, and alive. She saw me, she gave one cry, then as I caught her in my arms she fainted. It was happy indeed that she did not faint before, for had it not been for the sound of her voice I do not believe we should have been angry. In the other matters 1 hopped forward, and she gave it a sec- shelving gulley. Furious at the loss of ever have found that cunningly hidden cave, unless, indeed, Indaba-zimbi's magic (on which be blessings) had come to our assistance.

We bore her to the open air, laid her beneath the shade of a tree, and cut the bonds loose from her ankles. As we went I glanced at the cave. It was exactly as I had seen it in the vision. There burnt the fire, there were the rude wooden vessels, one of them still half full of the water which I had seen the baboon bring. I felt awed as I looked, and marveled at the power wielded by a savage who could not even read and

Now I could see Stella clearly. Her face was scratched, and haggard with fear and weeping. Her clothes were almost torn off her, and her beautiful hair was loose and tangled. I sent for water. and we sprinkled her face. Then I forced a little of the brandy which we distilled from peaches at the kraals between her lips, and she opened her eyes, and throwing her arms about me clung to me as little Tota had done, sobbing, "Thank God! thank God!"

After a while she grew quieter, and made her and Tota eat a little food from the store that we had brought with us. I too ate and was thankful, for with the exception of the mealie cobs I had tasted nothing for nearly four-and-twentyhours. Then she washed her face and hands, and

there by the two dogs. She wished to and my heart nearly broke. I could lay some flowers on the grave and take only pray to God that I might either be farewell of the dust it covered, for as rescued or die swiftly. we had expected to trek early on the morrow she did not know if she would find a later opportunity. - They passed had lost up the garden, and, gathering some that Indaba-zimbi stood over me nodseven men | flowers from the orange trees and else- | ding his white lock, and spoke to me in killed, and where, went on to the little graveyard. Kaffir, telling me not to be frightened, sever a 1 Here she laid them on the grave as we for you would soon be with me, and that more were had found them, and then sitting down, meanwhile I must humor Hendrika. preseverely | fell into a deep and sad reverie, such as | tending to be pleased to have her near the occasion would naturally induce. While she sat thus, Tota, who was a had escaped lively child and active as a kitten, strayed away without Stella observing

it. With her went the dogs, who had also grown tired of inaction; a while passed, and suddenly she heard the dogs barking furiously about 150 yards away. Then she heard Tota scream, and the dogs also yelling with fear and pain. She rose and ran as swiftly as she could towards the spot whence the sound came. Presently she was there.

screaming Tota in her arms, was a figure in which, notwithstanding the rough disguise of baboon skins and coloring matter, she had no difficulty in recognizing Hendrika, and all about her were numbers of baboons, rolling over and over in two hideous heaps, of which the centers were the two unfortunate dogs now in process of being rent to frag-

"Hendrika," Stella cried, "what does

this mean? What are you doing with Tota and those brutes?" The woman heard her and fooked up. Then she saw that she was mad: madness stared from her eyes. She dropped the child, which instantly flew to Stella for protection. Stella clasped it, only to be herself clasped by Hendrika. She struggled fiercely, but it was of no usethe babyan-frau had the strength of ten. She lifted her and Tota as though they were nothing, and ran off with them. following the bed of the stream in order to avoid leaving a spoor. Only the ba-

Stella said that the night which followed was more like a hideous nighthad a vague recollection of being borne eyes and nodded their great heads as I over rocks and along kloofs, while around her echoed the horrible grunts and clicks but I believe that the baboons are almost of the baboons. She spoke to Hendrika as human as the Bushmen. in English and Kaffir, imploring her to that it fell senseless. Thrice Stella made ently the lessening of the light in the these struggles that Stella's clothes were ears as I would.

At length before daylight they reached the cliff, and with the first break of light the ascent began. Hendrika dragged them up the first stages, but when they came to the precipitous place she tied the strips of hide, of which she had a supply wound round her waist, beneath Stella's arms. Steep as the place was the baboons ascended it easily enough, springing from a knob of rock to the trunk of the tree that grew on the edge of the crevasse. Hendrika followed them, holding the end of the hide rein in her teeth, one of the baboons hanging Stella bethought her of letting fall her handkerchief in the faint hope that some

searcher might see it. and grunting out orders to the baboons who was in her arms, and lifted her from the ground. Then Hendrika above, aidthe rock. Twice Stella swung heavily against the cliff. After the second blow Tota. But she managed to cling to her, and together they reached the cliff. "From that time," Stella went on, "I

remember no more till I woke to find

myself in a gloomy cave resting on a bed

round the edge of the cave peered the heads of those horrible baboons. Tota was still in my arms, and half dead from shoulder. Then another and anothterror; her moans were pitiful to hear. I er came edgine in, till I was comspoke to Hendrika, imploring her to release us; but either she had lost all understanding of human speech, or she pre- and grim faces. tended to have done so. All she would do was to caress me, and even kiss my hands and dress with extravagant signs | We can't make it out. of affection. As she did so, Tota shrunk away closer to me. This Hendrika saw and glared so savagely at the child that ers-it's a plan that shows me the I feared lest she was going to kill her. I very way by which you have come diverted her attention by making signs here from holy Russia and all the that I wanted water, and this she gave me in a wooden bowl. As you saw, the places you have passed through.' cave was evidently Hendrika's dwelling place. There are stores of fruit in it and some strips of dried flesh. She gave me some of the fruit and Tota a grins with which my hearers received little, and I made Tota eat some. You can never know what I went through, Allan. I saw now that Hendrika was quite mad, and but little removed from the brutes to which she is akin, and over which she has such unholy power. The only trace of humanity left about her marched eastward to Orsk, where idea was to keep me here with her, to keep me away from you, and to carry out this idea she was capable of the exercise of every artifice and cunning. In that way she was sane enough, but in every other way she was mad. More- speaks the truth-so we did. over, she had not forgotten her horrible jealousy. Already I saw her glaring at Tota, and I knew that the child's murder was only a matter of time. Proba- sert, and halted here and here and bly within a few hours she would be killed before my eyes. Of escape, even tidied her rags of dress as well as she was alsoable. As she did so, by degrees I drew lutely no chance, and little enough of our ever being found. No, we should to the familliar names, and the ex-It seemed that on the previous after- be kept there guarded by a mad thing. noon, being wearied with packing, she half ape, half woman, till we perished went out to visit her father's grave, tak- miserably. Then I thought of you, dear. ing Tota with her, and was followed and of all that you must be suffering.

"As I prayed, I dropped into a kind of doze from utter weariness, and then I had the strangest dream. I dreamed

I see and hear him now." Here I looked up and glanced at old Stella of how her vision was brought about.

me. The dream was so vivid that I

actually seemed to see and hear him, as

"At any rate," she went on, "when awoke I determined to act on my dream. I took Hendrika's hand and pressed it She actually laughed in a wild kind of way with happiness, and laid her bead upon my knee. Then I made signs toat I wanted food, and she threw wood on

the fire, which I forgot to tell you was burning in the cave, and began to make some of the broth that she used to cook very well, and she did not seem to have forgotten all about it. At any rate the broth was not bad, though neither Tota nor I could drink much of it. Fright and weariness had taken away our appetites. "After the meal was done-and I pro-

that Hendrika was beginning to get jealous of Tota again. She glared at her and then at the big knife which was tied round her own body. I knew the knife again; it was the one with which she had tried to murder you, dear. At last she went so far as to draw the knife. I was paralyzed with fear, then suddenly I remembered that when she was our servant, and used to get out of temper Best appointed Hotel in the Sta and sulk. I could always calm her by singing to her. So I began to sing hymns: Instantly she forgot her jealousy and put the knife back into its sheath. She knew the sound of the boons who came with her, minus the one singing, and sat listening to it with a the dogs had killed, would not take to rapt face; the baboons, too, crowded in the water, but kept pace with them on at the entrance of the cave to listen. I Rooms in Bringman Block must have sung for an hour or more, all the hymns that I could remember. It was so very strange and dreadful sitting mare than a reality. She was never able there singing to mad Hendrika and those to tell me all that occurred in it. She hideous man-like apes that shut their

sang. It was like a horrible nightmare; "Well, this went on for a long time let them go; but the woman, if I may till my voice was getting exhausted. call her so, seemed in her madness to Then suddenly I heard the baboons outhave entirely forgotten these tongues. side raise a loud noise, as they do when When Stella spoke she would kiss her angry. Then, dear, I heard the boom of and stroke her hair, but she did not seem to understand what it was she said. On your elephant gun, and I think it was to understand what it was she said. On the sweetest sound that ever came to my AITORNEY-AT-LAW AND the other hand, she could and did talk to ears. Hendrika heard it, too. She the baboons, that seemed to obey her sprang up, stood for a moment, then, to implicitly. Moreover, she would not almy horror, swept Tota into her arms and low them to touch either Stella or the rushed down the cave. Of course, I child in her arms. Once one of them could not stir to follow her, for my feet Wednesday nights, and at Pantego every tried to do so, and she seized a dead were tied. Next instant I heard the 2nd and 4th weamesday nights. stick and struck it so heavily on the head sound of a rock being moved, and pres- nov15 ly an attempt to escape, for sometimes even cave told me that I was shut in. Now Hendrika's giant strength waned and she the sound even of the elephant gun only had to set them down. But on each oc- reached me very faintly, and presently I casion she caught them, and it was in could hear nothing more, straining my

"At last I heard a faint shouting that reached me through the wall of rock. I answered as loud as I could. You know the rest; and, oh, my dear husband, thank God! thank God!" and she fell weeping into my arms.

(To be continued next week.) Astonishing the Cossacks:

A newspaper correspondent, David Ker, traveling in central Asia, came down from the tree to assist her ascent. one evening upon a Cossack camp. It was while she was ascending that Fires were blazing, round them stretched the men, resting after a hard day's march. The traveler By this time Hendrika was on a tree, had been long on the road, and with which clustered about Stella below. Sud. his white Russian forage cap and denly these seized her and little Tota, travel-strained clothing looked so much like the Cossacks themselves ed by other baboons, put out all her great that he entered the camp quite unstrength and pulled the two of them up noticed. Then he sat down on a stone and took out a colored map of she felt her senses going, and was con- the country, knowing well that the sumed with terror lest she should drop strange sight would bring the men

about him immediately. "So it proved. I suddenly became aware of a gaunt, sallow, grayof skins. My legs were bound, and Hen- mustached visage-so criss-crossed drika sat near me watching me, while with saber scars as to look like a afford. Stop at the King House, and railway map-peering over my pletely surrounded by wild figures

"What's that picture, ather

"'It's not a picture at all, broth-

"Then, seeming not to notice the looks of unbelief and the meaning what they considered to be a most have a good time and want to go there outrageous lie, I went on:

"'Up here at Orenburg you passed the Ural River, and then was her affection for me. Evidently her you crossed the frontier and turned to the southeast.'

" 'So we did, comrades,' shouted half a dozen voices at once.

"Then you passed Fort Kara Butak, crossed the Kara Koum detrain. Baggage handled free. here'-naming and describing the various posts.

"The Cossacks listed open-mouth cited clamor was followed by a si- train and boat. No charge for convey lence of utter amazement. Then

"Father, can you show us the S. T. BECKWITH, very place where we are now?'

" 'To be sure I can, my lad. See, that black spot is the village yonder; there's the river twisting and winding, and here is your camp.' "There was another pause o

blank bewilderment and then a scarred veteran with the gray mustache asked in an awe-stricken whisper: "But, father, tell me for the

Indaba-zimbi, who was sitting near. But love of heaven, if we've marched it was not till afterwards that I told 1000 miles since leaving holy Russia, how can it all go into a little scrap of paper no bigger than an Easter cake?' "-Ex.

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