A Gentleman From Mississippi

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CHAPTER XI. ON THE TRAIL OF THE "INSIDERS." OLONEL J. D. TELFER G. D. standing for Jefferson Davis. explained proudly to Haines) proved a warm advocate of the doubtful merits of Gulf City as a bundred million dollar naval base. His flushed face grew redder, his long white hair became disordered and he tugged at his white mustache continually as he waxed warmer in his efforts to impress the senator's

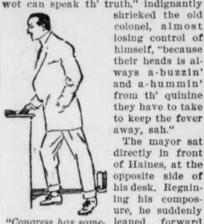
secretary. "I tell you, Mr. Maines, Gulf City, sah, leads all the south when it comes to choosin' ground fo' a maral base Her vast expanse of crystal sea, her miles upon miles of silvah sands, sah protected by a natural harbor and th islands of Mississippi sound, make her th' only spot to be considered. She's God's own choice and the people's, too, for a naval base."

"But unfortunately congress also has something to say about choosing it," spoke Haines.

"To be shuah they do," said Gulf

City's mayor, "but"—
"And there was a man here from Altacoola yesterday," again interrupted the secretary, "who said that Gulf City was fit only to be the state refuge for aged and indigent frogs."

"Say, they ain't a man in Altacoola wot can speak th' truth," indignantly



losing control of himself, "because their heads is always a-buzzin and a-hummin' from th' quinine they have to take to keep the fever away, sah." The mayor sat directly in front

of Haines, at the

opposite side of

colonel, almost

ing his composure, he suddenly "Congress has some- leaned forward thing to say"and half whis pered to the secretary:

"Mah young friend, don't let Sen ator Langdon get switched away from Gulf City by them cheap skates from Altacoola. Now, if you'll get th' senator to vote fo' Gulf City we'll see-I'll see, sah, as an officer of th' Gulf City Lan' company-that you get taken ca-ah of."

Haines' eyes opened wide. "Go on, colonel; go on with your of-

fer," he said. "Well, I'll see that a block of stock, sah-a big block-is set aside fo' Senator Langdon an' another fo' you too We've made this ah-rangement elsewheah. We'll outbid Altacoola everah time. They're po' sports an' hate to

"So Altacoola is bidding, too?" excitedly asked Haines.

give up.

Ah yo' as "Why, of co'se it is. blind as that o' ah yo' foolin' with me?" questioned Telfer suspiciously. "Seems to me yo' ought to know more thing you know, my boy."

Bud turned his head away in thought. from th' gulf."

"Certainly, certainly," mumbled Haines impatiently as he endeavored to associate coherently, intelligently, in his mind these startling new revelations of Telfer with certain incidents he had previously noted in the operations of the committee on naval

Then he looked across at the mayor and smiled. Apparently he had heard but on th' inside they're the real goods. nothing to amaze him.

"Colonel," he returned calmly, dropping into a voice that sounded of pity for the gray hairs of the lobbyist. He was sure of triumphing over Alta-"about fifty men a day come to me with propositions like that. There is price nothing doing, colonel. I couldn't possibly interest Senator Langdon, because he has the faculty of judging for himself, and he would be prejudiced egainst either town that came out with such a proposition."

"Lan' speculation is legitimate," protested the colonel cunningly. Haines agreed.

'Certainly-by outsiders. But it's d-d thievery when engaged in by any one connected with putting a bill through. If I were to tell Senator Langdon what you have told me it would decide him unalterably in favor thing important." of Altacoola. Senator Langdon, sir, is one of the few men in Washington who would rather be thought a fool than a grafter if it came down to

The mayor of Gulf City jumped to his feet, his face blazing in rage, not

"Seems to me yo're mighty fresh, young man," he blustered. "What kind of politics is Langdon playin'?"

"Not fresh, colonel; only friendly, I'm just tipping you off how not to be a friend to Altacoola. As to his politics, the senator will answer you him-

A scornful laugh accompanied Tel-

fer's reply.

"Altacoola, huh! I reckon yo' must be a fool, after all. Why, everybody her to falter momentarily, almost made knows of the speculatin' in land around her weaken in her purpose, but she Altacoola, and everybody knows it ain't made an effort and secured a firmer outsiders that's doin' it. It's the insid- grip on herself, for she must play a ers, right here in Washington. If vo' role that would crush to earth the air

ain't in, yo' can easy get a latchkey Young man, yo'll find out things some day, and yo'll drop to it all.

"I guess I was too late with yo That's about the size of it. I guess Altaccola 'll talk to yo'," went on the mayor. "If that feller Fairbrother of Altacoola had been able to hold his tongue maybe I wouldn't know so much. But now I know what's what. I know this-that yo're either a big fool or-an insider. Yo're a nice young feller. I have kind-a taken a fancy to yo'. I like to see yo' young fellers get along and not miss yo'r chances. Come, my boy, get wise to yo'rself, get wise to yo'rself! Climb on to the band wagon with yo' friends."

Bud concluded that he might be able to get more definite information out of Telfer if he humored him a bit.

"I tell you, colonel," he finally said. "these are pretty grave charges you're making, but I'll tell you confidentially, wing to your liking for me, that it is not yet too late to do something for Gulf City. Now, just suppose you and I dine together tonight early, and we'll go over the whole ground to see how things lie. Will you?"

The colonel held out his hand, smiling broadly. He felt that at last he had won the secretary over; that the young man was at heart anxious to take money for his influence with the

"All right, my boy, yo're on. We'll dine together. Yo' are absolutely certain that it won't be too late to get to Senator Langdon?"



"Get wise to yo'rself! Get wise!" "Absolutely positive, I wouldn't make a mistake in a matter like this, would I, unless I was what you said I was-a

"Of course not, Oh, yo're a slick one. I like to do business with folks like yo'. It's mighty educatin'!"

"Thanks," answered Bud dryly. "It's certain that Langdon won't decide which place he's for until tomorrow. I promise you that he won't decide until

after I have my talk with you." "Yo' see," said Telfer, "I asked that question because, as yo' probably know, Congressman Norton and his crowd is pretty close to Senetor Lang-

Haines cut him short with a gasp of

"Norton!" Telfer, wrinkling his forehead incredulously, looked at Haines. "Surest

"Oh, leave the Norton outfit to me, I'll fool them," he finally said.

"Good." Telfer shook the secretary's hand heartily.

"Yo're no fool, my boy. Anybody can see that-after they get to know yo' all. That's what comes of bein' one of them smooth New Yorkers. They 'pear mighty sanctimonious on th' outside. all right.'

The lobbyist hurried away, his bibu lous soul swelling with satisfaction. coola, and he was willing to pay the

Haines sank into his chair. "I wonder what Washington 'insiders.'" he murmured, "are speculating in Altacoola land. Telfer mentions Norton's name. I wonder"-

The door opened, and before him stood Carolina Langdon. "Ah, Miss Langdon," he exclaimed.

"I am glad to see you!"

She walked to him and extended cordially a slender gloved hand. "This is a real pleasure, Mr. Haines,"

she began. "I've been waiting to talk to you for some time. It's about some-"Something important," smiled Haines. "You want to see me about

something important? Well, let me tell you a secret. Every time I see you it is an important occasion to me."

Carolina Langdon had never appeared more charming, more beautiful to young Haines than she did that day, Perhaps she appeared more inspiring because of the contrast her presence afforded to the unpleasant episodes through which he had just passed; also Carolina was dressed in her most becoming street gown, which she well realized, as she was enacting a carefully planned part with the unfortu-

nate secretary. His frankness and the sincere admiration that shone in his eyes caused

eastle this young secretary was building, a role that would crush the ideals of this young optimist as well.

CHAPTER XII

THE LURE OF A WOMAN'S LOVE AROLINA had come to find ou' from Haines, if possible, how her father was going to vote on the naval base and to induce the secretary to persuade him to stand for Altacoola-If there seemed danger that he would vote for auother site. That was her scheme, for Carolina had put \$25,000 into Altacools land, money left by her mother. Norton had persuaded Carolina to inrest in the enterprise to defraud the government, promising her \$50,000 clear profit How much she could do in Washington society with that!

The continued uncertainty over her father's final attitude had strained her nerves almost to the breaking, for the success of the conspiracy depended on Not even the words of Norton, her future husband, could reas sure her. Her worry was increased by the knowledge of Randolph's in vestment of her father's \$50,000.

That Carolina must sacrifice Haines on the altar of her consuming desire for money, for a higher worldly position, was an unimportent considera tion. He stood in the way. Any mo ment be might discover the existence of the Altacoola scheme, he would immediately tell her father, and she knew her father would immediately decide against Altacoola-the bright hopes of her future would turn to ashes. Norton's money as well was invested in Altacoola. He, too, would be ruined She was sure that she loved Norton but she could not marry a penniless

Carolina resumed the conversation "It isn't anything so very important, Mr. Haines. It's about father."

Haines beamed. "I have the honor to report, Miss Langdon," he bowed, "that your father is making the very best kind of a senator."

The girl hesitated. "Yes; he might if he had some am-

"Don't worry! If he comes down to that, I have ambition for two. You each other's eyes, when the door openwant him to be a success, don't you? Well, he is the biggest kind of a suc

"I never believed that he would be," confessed the daughter. Haines laughed.

"Why, do you realize that today he is one of the most popular men in publie life throughout the country; that 'What does Langdon think?' has become the watchword of the big body of independents who want honesty and decent government without graft?

"I tell you that's a big thing, Miss Langdon. That's success-real success in politics, especially in Wash ington politics.

"Now, if there's anything else you want him to have, I'll see that he gets it. I'll try to get it for him"-he paused a moment, then added, with heart felt meaning in his voice-"and for you, Miss Langdon."

Carolina played coquettishly with the secretary.

"For me, Mr. Haines?" she ques tioned archly, with an effective glance into his eyes. Bud's pulses began to throb violent

ly-to leap. "Yes," he exclaimed unsteadily, "for you, and you know it. That's the in-

my inspirationthe chance of winning your belief in me, of winning something more, the biggest thing I ever thought to Miss Langdon-Carolina-I love you." He bent over and seized the girl's hand.

"Ever since the day I first saw She shook her head indulgently "And for you, Miss and in a mo- Langdon."

and in a moment drew her hand from his. "You mustn't be so serious, Mr Haines. You don't understand south ern girls at all. We are not just like northern girls. We are used to being made love to from the time we are knee high. Sometimes I fear we flirt

a little, but we don't mean any harm. All girls flirt-a little." "But somebody wins even the south ern girls," declared Haines eagerly. The girl's face became serious, ear

nest, sincere. "Yes, somebody does, always," she said. "And when a southern girl is won she stays won, Mr. Haines.'

"And I have a chance to win?" ques tioned the determined young northerner

Carolina smiled sweetly and pressively.

"Who knows? First make my father even a bigger success-that's first. Oh I wonder if you can realize what all this life means to me! If you can realize what those years of stagnating



exclaimed bitterly, "I am more of a man than a woman in some ways; I'm am bitious. From the time I was a little girl I've want ed the world.

power, fame money. I want them still. mean to get them "I want power, fame, somehow, any money?" how. If I can't

gef them myseif, some one must ge: MORTGAGE SALE OF VALUABLE them for me.' "And love?" suggested the man

"You are leaving love out. Suppose I get all these things for you?" Bud's pounding heart almost stopped. He could scarcely gain his breath as contained in a certain mortgage deed he saw creep into Carolina's eyes what executed to Jas. H. Pou and Edwd. he believed to be the light of hope for

"Who knows, Mr. Haines? There's no reward guaranteed. There may be others trying." she answered.

him, the light even of a woman's prom-

Haines laughed-the strong, hopeful, cured by the same having been transfighting laugh of the man who would ferred and assigned to J. W. Vinson combat the boss of the senate on and the conditions in said mortgage ground of the boss' own choosing.

"All right" he cried. "If it's an open will, at the Court house door in the fight I'll enlist. I'll give them all a run. What are your orders?"

Carolina appeared indifferent. "I don't know that I have any particular orders, sir knight, except to tion, for cash, to the highest bidder, see that my father does all he can for the following lot in the town of

Altacoola naval base."

"The Altacoola naval base?" he stammered. "Well, all I can say is that the senator will do what he thinks right. That might bring power and fameright decision in this case-but it can't bring money." Carolina shrugged her shoulders.

let the money take care of itself for a But I do want him to vote for Altacoola, because I believe that will be the best for him. You believe in Altacoola, don't you?"

Haines hesitated, then answered:

Miss Langdon held out her hand im-

"Then it will be Altacoola!" she cried. "Thank you, Mr. Haines. We are partners, then, for Altacoola.' The young man grasped her hand

earnestly. "I'd like to be your partner for good, Carolina!" he cried.

They stood there close together, holding each other's hands, looking into

ed and in came Charles Norton. Continued next week,

1909, expose to sale, at public auc-Smithfield, N. C., on which is situ-

having been broken, the undersigned,

That lot in the town of Smithfield on which is situated the dwelling house late occupied by W. B. Guill, said lot being No. 25 according to a plot of the Oakland Heights property "Money?" She laughed with affect of Jas. H. & E. W. Pou, recorded in ed carelessness. "Well, we'll have to the Registry of Johnston county in Book "X" No. 8, page 400, bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Fifth and Hancock Sts.; thence along the edge of Fifth St. Well, between the two sites merely S. 291/2 W. 105 feet to a stake, coras sites Altacoola seems to me rather ner of lot No. 26; thence the line of that lot N. 601/2 W. two hundred and ten (210) feet to a stake; thence N. 291/2 E. 105 feet to the edge of Hancock street; thence the line of that street S. 601/2 E. two hundred and ten (210) feet to the beginning, con-

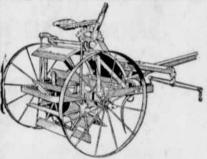
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F. H. Brooks, Attorney.

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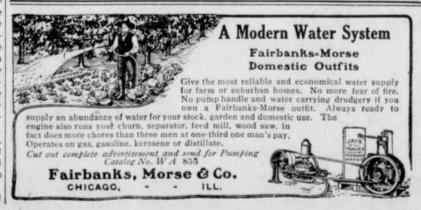
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-NOTICE.

HOUSE AND LOT IN SMITHFIELD, The undersigned having qualified as Executor on the estate of W. Ruffin Stanley, deceased hereby no-Under and by virtue of the power tifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or be-W. Pou by W. B. Guill and wife fore the 26th day of March, 1919, or Martha Guill, on the 28th day of this notice will be pleaded in bar of December, 1905, and recorded in the their recovery; and all persons in-Registry of Johnston county in Book debted to said estate will make im-'T' No. 8, page 244, the bonds semediate payment.

This 24th day of March, 1909. JNO. E. STANLEY, Ex. Four Oaks, N. C.

NOTICE.

town of Smithfield, N. C., at 12 The undersigned having qualified o'clock, M., Saturday, April 10th, as Exr. on the estate of Abram Batten, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me du-ly verified on or before the 5th day Haines paused, seized by a sudden ate the late residence of W. B. Guill pleaded in bar of their recovery; and of March, 1910 or this notice will be and wife, and bounded as follows, to all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 27th day of February, 1909.

IREDELL BROWN, Exr.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as executrix on the estate of L. B. Holt deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me on or before the 26th day of March. 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 19th day of March, 1909. MISS LILLIAN HOT, EXTX., Smithfield, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of D. Haywood Creech, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 5th day of March, 1910 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 1st day of March, 1909. JAMES R. CREECH, Administrator.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore exist-Our Cutter won highest prizes at ing between M. M. Baker and J. B. Baker & Mozingo, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, M. M. Baker purchasing the entire interest of the equal of the "McK" Cutter J. B. Mozingo. All obligations of said firm will be settled by M. M. Baker who will continue the busi-

> This 19th day of March, 1909. M. M. BAKER, J. B. MOZINGO. Four Oaks, North Carolina.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Johnston County. J. T. Hudson to the use of F. E. Wellons.

Richard Ennis, Martha Riddic and husband, Sam Riddic, Willis

The defendant above named take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston county to foreclose a mortgage on a certain lot in the town of Smithfield, which said lot was mortgaged by Richard Ennis and wife Bettie J. Ennis. The defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the next term of the Superior court of Johnston county to be held on the 10th day of May, 1909, at the Court House in said county in Smithfield, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in this action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This April, 1st, 1909. W. S. STEVENS, C. S. C.

LAND SALE. North Carolina, Johnston County,

In The Superior Court. L. B. Richardson,

Maurice B. Saunders and wife Anna N. Saunders.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Johnston county, made in this cause, at the March term, 1909, I will, on Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1909, at twelve o'clock, M., at the Court House door in Smithfield, sell to the highest bidder, for cash the following described tract of land, lying and being in Johnston county, in Beulah township, and situate on Little river, and adjoining the lands of J. S. Deans, Abner Hinnant, the Mary Baker lands and others; and bounded on the East by Little river, on the South by the lands of J. S. Deans, on the West by the lands of Abner Hinnant, and on the North by the lands of Mary Baker, containing sixty (60) acres more or less.

This land is sold under the judgment of the Superior court of Johnston County.

This the 30th day of March, 1909. E. S. ABELL, Commissioner.