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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS
CHAPTER I. It and III—George Buckley is the brother of Mr. Wilkey, a rich Georgia merchant. His father is a rich Georgia merchant. His father is a rich Georgia merchant. His father is a rich Georgia merchant.

MAJOR CRANSTON's head in an old fashioned, many-horned hat at the end of the widest and longest street Darley afforded. The exterior of the house was not very attractive, though it stood on a spacious, well kept lawn, but it was equipped throughout with fine old furniture the Cranstons had brought from Virginia.

It was one Sunday night about the middle of November. Lydia had retired to her room and the major was reading a newspaper in the lamp-lit room before a cheerful fire in the sitting room when Mrs. Cranston came in from the parlor.

"Well, you may be satisfied, Major Cranston," she said, "but I'm not." "Oh, you are not. What's wrong now?" He put his paper down and looked up at her inquiringly.

"Well, I don't like the way Lydia is doing at all," replied the lady. "What's she done now?" The major spoke with just a little irritation, for he was interested in the political news he had been reading.

price to think of encouraging him to any serious extent, but it is well to take time by the forelock. I was unkind letting him come here at all, you know, but you said it would shock the religious folks in the place for us to try to establish social lines when he stood so well, and—" "I'll send her off tomorrow!" cried the major, still excited, his voice rising high and cracking.

"Oh, she's all right," smiled Mrs. Cranston as if he had forced the admirability of her conduct upon her by his warm words. "But we must handle her most carefully. I've tried making fun of her 'country bump' as I always call him to her, but I've never been able to make out how she took it.

"What's that trick," admitted Mrs. Cranston, "and, really, I'm quite sure there has never been an influence understanding between them, and if we play our cards right there won't be." The major resumed his reading, and Mrs. Cranston went up the smooth, winding stairs to her daughter's room. Lydia was seated before the fire, her beautiful and abundant hair hanging loose over her shapely shoulders.

GEN. BOOTH'S RECRUITS.

All Sorts of Men Who Join the Salvation Army.

London Express.
"Billy" McLeod, once champion light-weight of England, hero of half a hundred fights for £20 to £50 a side, who conducted the services at the Salvation Army Temple, Blackfriars road Sunday, is one of the many picturesque characters in the "army."

There is surely no other preaching organization with such a variety of men and women in the ranks. Gen. Booth has spread his net wide and caught fish of many kinds. One of the colonels at headquarters is a refined and aristocratic lady, near relative of the only duke who married an English princess.

Some years ago, Prebendary Webb-People had a promising young curate named Oliphant. Over in Germany you will find him now, wearing the scarlet cap of a Salvation Army commissioner.

One of the directors of the old East India company has a grandson, Fritz de Lattour Tucker, who after being educated at Cheltenham college, went out to the East, and ultimately became a judge in the Indian civil service.

The American Circus.
W. R. Andrews, of Grand Rapids, Mich., at a recent toast, got off the following appeal to the Filipinos: "You Filipinos don't know what you are missing by not wanting to become citizens of this grand country of ours.

All are fash that come into the net of the old fisherman of Queen Victoria street. He catches an Australian "larrikin" with a hundred police convictions against his name, turns him inside out, puts a red jersey on him and sends him into the "back blocks" to preach to the sheep farmers and gold prospectors with all the zeal of a convert.

A mathematician of Upsala University, in Sweden, is joint commander of the forces in Switzerland; an Irishman from Ligoniel is managing director of the Army Assurance Society in the city; the daughter of a Chelsea solicitor is lieutenant colonel of the Punjab, and the army in the West Indies is commanded by a Cape Dutchman.

Next week a special mission will be undertaken in Ireland by a valiant little man who years ago "ran a boxing saloon at Rugby, in the intervals of carrying on the trade of a chimney-sweep. Now he is one of the most respected of the old brigades of Salvation officers, for Commissioner Elijah Cadman dodged, sometimes unsuccessfully, a large share of the bricks which twenty years ago used to be thrown at the heads of the Salvationists.

that he had been holding the book upside down.

He joined the Wesleyan church and was told off to take a children's class. On the first Sunday he learned the alphabet from his pupils. It was not until he was married that his wife learned he could not write. She taught him. One day, nearly forty years ago, he was going through Whitechapel and heard the "Rev. William Booth," of the Christian Mission, preaching at a street corner.

He joined the mission and became the first captain in the army. In the men's social work Commissioner Cadman has played a great part. For nine and a half years he had charge of it, including Hadley Farm colony, and one of his "cases" was the present Adj. Gregory, whose story was told a few days ago in the Express.

One peculiar characteristic of this ore is its high percentage of pure tin, running over 72 per cent of pure metallic tin and of a possible 78 per cent. The main shaft is at present 80 feet deep, the ore being brought up in buckets of dirt, then separated by washing. It is black and very much resembles magnetic iron, the most striking difference being that the tin is much heavier than iron.

While the vein here seems to be richer than anywhere else, there are well defined tin outcroppings near Kings Mt. and Cherryville, N. C., and one even as far as Lincoln, N. C. But it is unquestionably found in larger quantities here than anywhere else in America, and the development of the mine is only just begun.

GAFFNEY'S TIN MINE.

It is the Largest Mine of the Kind in America and the Ore is Very Rich—Mr. S. S. Ross the Owner, is Reaping a Harvest From His Magnificent Find.

Charlotte News.
Gaffney, S. C., Nov. 23.—It will doubtless prove of interest to the readers of the News to know that the largest tin producing mine in America is located almost within the corporate limits of the thrilling little city of Gaffney, South Carolina.

Just a few months ago this mine was discovered, yet in that time 77,000 pounds of tin ore has been taken out and shipped. While there are several other tin mines in the United States, this is the richest so far discovered.

This valuable property is owned by Mr. S. S. Ross of Gaffney. Through his kindness the News man was shown over the mine. At present new machinery is being installed and the output will be materially increased as soon as this is done. But even now the superintendent states that they produce from six to eight hundred pounds of ore per day.

Heretofore in making out the reports on the minerals of the United States, the department of the Interior has always left tin as a blank, as there was not enough produced to deserve mention. This is no longer the case, as the present mine has passed the experimental stage and with flattering prospects for future development.

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