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CHAPTER VI-Continued.

A maze of noofs tangled about hlm, but through this a clear voice sound-ed-and again. The gray figure, the seatinel, was standing up in the stirrops, with right arm upraised, and the clear call of command was repented. Swordthrusts were halted, and the mad horsemen reared back in obedience to an imperious gesture.

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A circle widened around the two white men. The wild horses stood trembling and disappointed. A further command came from the person whose face was ngala bidden by the left forearm upraised, and who now spurred away out of sight. A whispering loudened among the battle-tiders, a low giving and taking of advice. Four of their number dismounted, and Con felt the familiar feathern thongs titchening about him. The white men were lifted up and set behind two hroad-backed horsemen, and the entire party moved at a walk up the rawher road.

March did so, in native speech, but no heed was given. The party emerged apruptly upon an open plain at the head of the road.

no heed was given. The party emerged appropriy upon an open plain at the head of the road. Here was the wonderland they had come to find, the treasure for which spectrations or elect-wanderers had dulty believing it all a mirage.

Sprend out an far as the eye could discern, lay a green valley, moist and critic, ha veening breeze derifted the fragrant earthy breath of life. Fields were level and marked into squares, by ditches, in the middle distance was a city of rod stone, its battlemented wail backeding above all, a palace, its many-angled-roofs and long-ceves blocked against the west; sun's fire that the standard back from its lofty embrauers, It was mansion set upon mansion, each with the stonecraft of its own ach, a maze of narrow waits in irreducing the stone can be considered back from its lofty embrauers, and with the stonecraft of its own ach, a maze of narrow waits in irreducing the stone can be considered back from its lofty embry in the stone can be considered back from its lofty embry in the considered back from its lofty embry in the consideration of narrow waits in irreducing the stone can be considered by the consideration. The white men locered behind their

mist, all in a mad, dreamy harmony of architecture.

The white men jogged behind their captors, and accepted the city and palace as a noble illusion. The beauty was bitterness, for they dared not believe, they had not the strength. [It's all'over!" cried Con. "My eyes are gone."

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Too far," said March, "too far."
The ditches were cool. The main road passed between patches of unfamiliar vegetation, pale green. The palace seemed to leer from narrow eyes, a thin smile that was evil and sejert. Its mass had a strange reddien cast, like the must of the desert. At the southern end of the factoure was a grove of trees, nothing less than North American white oaks, somewhat stunded, their toos showing just above the rim of the city wall. Levington looked again over the shoulder of his captor, and was seen further from ladmitting these things to himself. The western plains were beginning to veil under the violet. I palace litted as they approached, like an unnatural hill of higher the place litted as they approached, like an unnatural hill of higher the work of the control of t

The notched wall had but a single brought attempt to be completed with the masonry, and cien and perfect, they fode five shreast. A crowd was gathered, to

witness the arrival of trespassers from a strange world. Gray and brown faces stared up at Levington. In them a further malice showed.

Some of the people were sandals, but most were barefoot, and not every man showed a queue. Faces at latticed windows were heavily selled. Children cane, large of frame but fulling and appent, stood over their sticks and gaped in upy amazement. The common dwellings were close packed under the fortifications, while the palace was set turther within, a vide lawn separating it from all else. Three white fournaliss-were jetting, and the grass was spread with yellow-aun-diamonds. As wither faced monkey grew frightened at the approach of the company and the property of the company of the company of the company of the strength of the company of the strength of t

clung there, watching with huntled eyes the tattered, uncoult men behind the warriors.

Here along a marble curb, a canopled litter approached from the paiace. Its six beneres came gitling swiftly. The curtains were santin, embroidered in a design of pearts, and the pole was been considered in the control of the curtains were santin, embroidered in a design of pearts, and the pole was repeated by the control of the curtain were to the curtain white tunies and satin turbans. As it came opposite, the carliers halted, and likewise the horsemen and captives. The curtains were parted heavily.

Con could not for an moment look down into the litter, but he heard the voice, and shivered. The leader of the riders raised his land; in saturation, and it was clear that his reply to the voice was one of contrary opinion. A funomentary silence followed this disagreement. The people held still, Then the litter and the borsemen regument their opposite course. As the control of the c

Dersonage Chee Aing.

CHAPTER VII

The Blend of Tau Kuan.
They were not consigned to a Jall.
Such Asiatic courters as they were
shown was traceable to the spoken
command of the gray rither at the top
Bit it would not have greatly mattered to Con if they had run him
through with their lances. His limbs
were dead with fatigue, his nervous
system deranged by thirst. He had
scarcely a mental surface upon which
to receive the wonder of these faces
about, him, the wails and twisted
cornices, the red blocks of desertquarry. Andrew March was in a fever.
Levington found that his friend had
grown strange to him, as it in America
he had never glimpsed the true March.
The companionable, his jitearted man of
fifty was gone, with the substitution
of a grunt, dark person, on land
or fifty was gone, with the substitution
of a grunt, dark person, or ho land
or dead, and and sorror hills only,
the sun, cruel winds, and utter wilderness. Con did not know this Andrew
March who was silect and glitter-eyed.
But the pain of the knowledge was
dulled like everything else.

"Might I have a drink?" he nsked of
the nearest, as his eyes closed again.
The colless of fountain spray was in
his nostrils, hurting him curjously, and
the heffable sweet smell of, green sod
was a release like death itself.

They Ifted him from, his horse. He
saw for a moment many low archways
and sheltered waits. The stone flagging was like cold knives under his
bruised feet. The hands of those who
left him were strong as Iron. The
lowesters had the lorture, until a white cup was
kold to his list. Startled, he onesed
at Abel to the land with even of the solution of

"There died." he whispered to himself. "I should have done it sooner."

Something in the oil made him forget Andrew March. They wound him in silken cloth, loosely, after which they chapped their hands twice. Two himself, and hald Levington upon a pailet, which they raised as high as their thick shishing shoulders. The white man styled as he was horne along a corridor, up a series of stone steps to a wide balcony which was open to the skies. A third negro now and curried him has twinch was open to the skies. A third negro now and curried him has twinch was open to the skies. A third negro now and curried him has twinch was open to the skies. A third negro now and curried him has twinch was open to the skies. A third negro now and curried him has twinch was open to the skies. A third negro now has the fact that Con was being it is a draw shore drawn back. A familiar bead was near, and a new smell brought the fact that Con was being shaved. He had a glimpse of the razor. She were drawn back. A familiar bead was near, and a new smell brought the fact that Con was being shaved. He had a glimpse of the razor. She were drawn back. A familiar bead was near, and a new smell brought the fact that Con was being shaved. He had a glimpse of the razor. She were drawn had only 'then did Cod realize that he should not have expected it. Chee Ming stood near, having noted the tonsorial process to the folds of his white robe fell away from the nearest works. There was something strange about being so near him again.

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thing strange about being so near him again.

"Thankis," said Con, "I appreciate all the attention: but I don't understand it." "I do not understand," replied the Chinese.
"But somehody must—"
"It is the will of our princess," Che-Ming said with quiet hostility.
"Does she wear gray, and ride?"
When the yellow man had nodde! Con said: "Then please convey to her my graftitude. Or show me how I can tell her myself. It seems you are sort of prime minister here."
"Chee Ming answered coldly: "I have the, honor to be known as vizir at this court."
Levington made his gravest gesture of "And where is my friend March?" he asked.

Chee Ming did not choose and simply walked away. Cor



Before It Was Finished the Princess Arose and With a Stir Among Her Retinue Stepped Down From the Dais.

came, now bearing folds of soft white cloth, his purpose to swathe the white stranger in it. A mysterious winding began, too complex to follow. Padded

saw for a moment many low archived specific and selected walks. The stone fing ging was like cold indives under his trusted etc. The hands of the The The India of water sounded near in the lensant gloom; and Levington granned at the torture, until a white cup was held to his lips. Startled, he opened his cyes; and then came the half dark again at the touch of water upon his tongue. His sigh was a groan, and he wooned. The last smillsht reached in through right window, failing golden across a bath of clear water, level with the stone floor. A cleaser had been lighted, and its soft fumes went to Cors head like wine. They had roused him. Big hands were placing him infant-wise upon the shallow steps of the bath, is the sun-warmed water. Levington graves him had like wine. They had roused him. Big hands were placing him infant-wise upon the shallow steps of the bath, is the sun-warmed water. Levington graves hit. Standing beneath it, Condo the was breath that seemed to have a nearly standing the standing and the could use his eyes, and almost trust them. Only two of the captors remained, and these were of a different caste, clad in short white jackets and sang trousers, nothing of the wars placed upon a mat, and rubbed, He found he could use his eyes, and almost trust them. Only two of the captors remained, and these were of a different caste, clad in short white jackets and sang trousers, nothing of the wars placed upon a mat, and rubbed, He found he could use his eyes, and almost trust them. Only two of the captors remained, and these were of a different caste, clad in short white jackets and sang trousers, nothing of the wars placed, and the cold water.

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with silver and emeralds and the royal and silver and emeralds and the royal and were bright upon a mat of raw silk.

But Levington was looking at the other figure, a princess, who likewise exited very quietly upon her throne with hands folded in her lap. The brown tresses that yesterlay had streamed, down the gray closk of the supposed sentinel were now bound high and stuck with jeweled plus. Her throat was closely wound with diamonds. The body of the princess; was small. Upon her counteinance was an expression of untried polyets, of so the standard of the standard o

In his pearl-broidered robe, which was more voluminous than that of any other person in audience, he carried himself with solemnity before the assembly, bowed with feeling at the other person in audience, he carried himself with solemity hefore the assembly, bowed with feeling at the foot of the dats, until, at the faint stirring of the prince's hand, he straightened inhimed, mounted the first himself, and began a peaker of the straightened inhimed, mounted the first himself, and the straightened in the straightened in

Con is condemned to die —after a month.

Lizard's Eyelid Transparent.
There is a lizard living in the Transcaspian desert that has the lower eyelid fused with the upper; it is transparent, and like a whotow, lets in light, but excludes sand.

Home Above All.

Home is the chief school of human virtues. Its responsibilities, joys, sorrows, smiles, tears, hopes and cares form the chief interest iffs—Channing.

By FRANK COMERFORD.

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in Europe Follow the Great
World War?

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R is ladvisable for a nation to buy the fabries of a foreign country so long as its native manufacturers are not smillently strengthesed to be able to compete in price and quality with the foreigners."

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log, me'll goods, miscellanesus, and if the employed only 2.250,773 workers).
Led Up to Boishevik Problem.
This dwarfed, stunted, paralyzed side of Rights—its industrial side—has a direct bearing upon conditions in Russia today and is an important part of the problem of the boishevik government.
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