REX BEACH

"Well, to be perfectly honest.

His new acquaintance abrugged

shoulders. "I have seen something

the world. I'm not easily shocked

the Sunta Cruz. You see, it was a

"You say you were sick afterward

"You were drugged," said the woma

er mournfully. "My bead isn't ris

"By Jove!" He straightened

The day was warming up, and on the sunny side of the ship the steamer chairs were filling. Two old men were drunk-just plain drunk. I didn't playing shuffleboard. After idling back er been the least bit that way before. and forth on deck for a time Kirk se- Hope I don't shock you." lected a chair and stretched himself

"Do you wish this chair for the voyege, sir?" asked the deck steward. "Yes, I think so."

"Th put your name on it." "Anthony, suit A, third floor front "Very well, sir." The man wrote out chair, saying, "One dollar, if

The steward laughed, as if to bume Ms passenger. "I'm afraid, then, you can't have the chair."

Pasama, eh?" "You are joking, sir. I'll have to pay myself if you don't." That's right. Make me as uncomfor stile as possible. By the way, what

se collar de you wear?"

me, will you? I'll fix up the chair mat ter with him." While he was talking he heard

motile of skirts close by and saw the wemen be had met earlier seating herwelf next to him. It appoyed the young men to realize that out of all the chairs on deck he had selected the one nea Then the purser appeared. "Did you

send for me?" he inquired. "Yes. There was a strange man around just now, and he wanted a dol-

"I want to establish a line of credit." The purser grunted. "And, say!" Kirk ran on seriously. Tre been all over your little ship. !

the passengers are boys' size. I can't weer this collar any longer." "And I can't find any baggage ere loking you've carried this thing for enough. If you are really strap. ped, as you say you are, how does it best suit on the ship?"

"It is a long story." "Humph! You will have to give ut mose quarters and go forward." "Why? You have your money for

"Yes, but you're not Mr. Locke." "Well, sir, now that I come to think after all." He grinned. "Anyhow, 1" we my little room, and I think I'll keep it. Please don't be peevish. went you to do me a favor." He rehanding it to the purser, said: "I want | This is his ticket. Oh! There's going make it ferment." also a safety razor." The officer managed to say, with student," said the stranger,

dignity: "You wish to raise money on CHAPTER IV.

New Acquaintances

A same conscious that the wo- "Many times. It will proman in the next chair had teresting trip for you.
let her book fail and was have that consolation." watching him with amused curiosity. Feeling a sudden desire to confide in i some one, he turned his eyes upon her the young man had not offended, for nothing of the country just beyond the she could not take offense and began short time the two were conversing as talked about the canal quite as if he had known her for some | easily as old acquaintances.

ever anw." Surprised, she ball raised into his eyes. She looked at him with tain culture, they require more than you don't mind my speaking to you. I'm awfully lonesome. My name is! Anthony, Kirk Anthony," Her face showed that the mame carried no significance.

pleasure of talking to you again." mured addiringly: "I understood you to tell the purse" your name was Locke," said she in very low pliched, well modulated voice 'l conidu't belp overhearing."

she"- He leaned over and read the more wars, more pillage, more injus-I card on the back of her steamer chair. tice, just as in the old days of Central "But it but really: it's Anthony. "Mrs. Stephen Cortlandt. Suite B." it and South America." the undignitied beir to the stocks and was lettered. Straightening up, he "You talk like a man," Anthony said ' bonds of an old party by that name grumbled with genuine disappoint admiringly. "I had no idea you locked | 1/2 ment: "Just my blamed luck! She's

"What is it like?"

Evidently the artiess effrontery of

Who lives in Albany." "Darwin K. Anthony?"; questioned she quickly. "Is he your father?" He face lighted with a flash of genuine i Kirk podded. "It's funny, isn't it, with all his cred that I can't get a shirt until I put a dismond ring?" "Yed are joking are you not?"

noon of several shirts, collars and your financial troubles__and it ocbandkerchiefs, likewise a razor, over curred to me that Mr. Cortlandt might which he exercised a sort of tessebold assist ye privilege. The purser made it plain. "Thabks, awfully," Kirk hastened to" -however, that be had not sold these say, feeling himself finsh uncomfortarticles, but merely loaned them, hold- ably. "But I sha'n't need anything." ing the ring as security for their re- The old gentleman will wire me what furn, and this arrangement allowed ares I ack for. Does-Mr. Certinadt Kirk no spare crea whatever. Even know how I am fired?

with all his secondaries this for it mer. " "

remained for apending money. He sufeignretten be could not bring blungif their suit.

ter as a huge joke. It was this per- was quite aware of the the men liked him. An for the women, he avoided them religiously, with for him " times. With her be got on famously, smile. "Not at all " I finding her nearly as entertaining as a left he should need but under the circumstances no such

"Well, I was perfectly sober the last the funny part; I'm still sick. What

One day when Kirk had begun to of the bay was a dense tropical will be is. Did you ever hear of Darwin the best suits on the ship. It's a prob-

band is in the diplomatic service. Kirk turned his eyes upon the speak and since then he has been to France and to Germany." "Are-you diplomating now?" "In a way. We shall be in Panama

"I don't see the point."

erful and aggressive railroad men in you want to stay aboard you'll have to the country. Perhaps you know some pay in advance. I don't intend to be thing about the railroad opposition to stuck for your bill."

we've only been speaking over the Trailing IRK was delayed but an

see, work doesn't really appeal to me, could, but what's the use?"

about. I know what a woman can do. | base burner.

moved the ring from his finger and was Locke. That's how I got his name. You need some disturbing element to

"Many times. It will prove an in-idly of many things." The evening was some more ice." man in the next chair had teresting trip for you. At least you teo glorious to permit of early retiring,

"It is a big task, Mr. Anthony, and When at last she rose, after an bour the mere digging of the ditch is the that had swiftly sped, she was grati- smallest part. There is a great deal they? Worst bunch of gold diggers | fled at the look of concern that came more to be done. You see, as men atgenuine approval as he bowed and mere food and drink and bedding, and in the same way, as nations attain to ' "Thank you for the pointers about greatness, they require more than mere Panama. I hope I may have the territory—they reach out and absorb | | | | power and prestige. Our decision to [)

When she had disappeared be mur- build the Panama canal is like the landing of another Columbus: the com-"Jove! She's a corker! And she's quest is to follow. After that will not so old, after all. I wonder who come-who knows what? Rerhaps

rat things in such a big way." Mrs. Cortlandt besitated slightly as ry Kirk became possessed that after tell the purser the other day about 147 (1995)

does the same."

been unmarried and neurer his own "Don't you think that is going a bit "A little poker game on the way course in draw poker. But he soon age their daily intimacy might have too far? You know I don't famy down, eh?" He began to shake pon- found that these men had forgotten

Then she can't get away without me. Kirk answered. But when he expla ed his desire to the purser that worth "I'm sorry, but you'll have to ar-

make that with the agent. We make a charge, you know, just like a hotel The officer shook his head with final-

"All right, then, I shall throw my

CHAPTER V.

Kirk Anthony is Surprised "We don't send C. Q. D.," the oper-

"Must have coin in advance, eh?" anyway. I suppose if I had to hustle er." Kirk said cheerfully. "I'll be back what tells the story.

voice from inside cried:

If you should in a musty Morris chair and sipping a wonderful opportunities this country Kirk read as follows: lieve me. I know what I am talking seemed to radiate heat waves like a ously, and tried to interest Kirk in Pa.

"That's me."



"Is this Mr. Weeke?"

and afternoon as well as at meal. The man favored her with his wintry male chum, though he never quite lost in Panama I should be obliged if you

"Naturally," he agreed, but his col. Cruz. The wireless wasn't working, hiegram was left at the American con-

toom. Have another highball." "No. I thank you." "Durwin- Say. I'll send a cart for

your baggage right now." "I have it with me-six shirts, all

bowl nartly filled with ice.

"Just get in. Mr. Anthony?"

'Yes, sir, on the Santa Cruz."

"Fine ship." Mr. Weeks rose

"That's a part of a consul's duty

"Then I'll send your father a mes- unon the riches of the tropics. sage this minute. I'm delighted at the night he played poker with such nuthim of your safety and to relieve his in a moment be read what he had

Darwin K. Anthony, Albany, N. Y.: Your son well and safe. Here as my

"My boy, there's a thousand ways to ed. "This is a joke!" get rich down here, and I know em Weeks was beginning to pant. "A. all. What I need is capital. Why, talk | joke, hey? I suppose it was a joke to , 'about quick money"—the speaker thrust ' 4 forth a finger that looked like a peeled | "Not a bit like it." Kirk shook bis

"This one will. It's an old Spanish "Not since I had my last row with on deck after dinner, and they did a be piped at the top of this thin, little I'm close to the government, and there lect the wrong millionaire for a sather. mile around the promenade, chatting voice: "Zeelah! Hey, Zeelah! Bring isn't a steel rail in any city of the re. this time, and I'm going to give you a public. I know all the Spiggoty poli- taste of our Spiggoty Jails."

"The what?"

The Spiggoties! That's what we call the Panamanians. They no spig- cried Weeks at the top of his little goty English,' understand?" . "It's a funny name." "Now, my boy, there's one thing J want you to be careful of. Don't let . some of these fellows around here get ' you excited. This country is full of

promoters, cheap skates and that sort and they'll try to stampede you into I'm conservative. I'll put you up the club, and when you get straight. ened around we'll talk business. Mean-, while I'll send this cable." Mr. Weeks was even better than his

heavy clothing, he said: "You need some linens, Kirk. That | laugh, saving: goods and all."

Accordingly the two journeyed to Bottle affey and selected some linen, 4 of evening had come the place filled up.

datternly negrees with dragging skirts | the Biti JOB, the presimity of which made theif felt like a mysterions presi ence. They were all man with work to do; there were no idlers; there was no class distinction. One topic of con-

Weeks did himself credit as a bost with the food and the wine were well friendly. When finally they arose some and insisted upon Kirk's Joining. p was about to refuse when Weeks drew him aside to any: "Don't let the money question atand s your way, Kirk. You're my guest and your I. O. U. is as good as a gov.

ernment bond, so go as far as you time in college bud been devoted to a more shout the game than be could Mrs Cortlandt frewned slightly. "I'm broke, and they won't take a ever hone to learn at any university

> out and shipped me off on the Santa | Early the next day the following ea. we didn't stop at Jamaica, so this is sulate: Weeks, Consul, Colon:

"My pay isn't due for a fortnight."

time to display a far different emotion. have arranged an investment for you date folks like you. Darwin K. An- he refrained from pressing the matter

guest. Delighted to have the while he decided to visit the canal But his plans were upact by the "Really: I couldn't think of putting you lay and night thereafter until Colon I can stay on the Santa Cruz. as | became a sodden, dripping horror. The soil melted into a quagmire, the streets became sluices, the beavens closed f down like a leaden pall, and the very air became saturated. It was not also.

> ing his time instead at the Waylarers' club. In his daylight hours he listened to Weeks' unending dissertations

"Well, did you get an answer?" "Yes. Here's the message; read it

"Well. I'll be blanked!" he ejaculat-

"No. I do not. I just discovered today that your name is Jefferson Locke.

"You can't atrest me. You offered

to take me in." "You can't get out of it that way."

lend me enough money to cable again? "More money? NO!" fairly screamed the other. "You get out of my and invited some of his friends to join you show yourself around here again them for dinner that evening on the [11] keep the rest of your wardrobe."

suit looks like a dog bed. You don't . "All right, landlord, keep my bag mind my calling you Kirk, do you? | gage. I believe that's the custom, but-There's a Chinese tailor on Bottle al. oh, gee! This is funny." He was still ley who'll have you a suit to measure laughing when he reached the public by moon tomorrow, and he only charges | square, for at last he had begun to see the full humor of Adelbert Higgins

fellows from the railford offices, ther. T

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Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

IS KENTUCKY A DEBTOR?

Washingtgon, D. C., Dec. 27.—The placed there by the State of New! izens, and Colonels take great pride Superior regions in the sixteenth in their abilitty to pay whatever they century. As a rule the states have owe, but the State absolutely ignores selected their great statesmen f a 1836, at a time when the United ${}^{\prime}$

was told that his friends were out, has signed a contract to deliver from thirty to forty-five lectures in Misdown the water front the lights of the A good deal of sympahty has been be Wayfarers' club shone invitingly, and stowed upon the Vice President be-Rick decided to appeal there for us- cause of the fact that he is comsistance. But as he neared the place pelled to live on his salary, and this he underwent a sudden change of restricts him to a palatial suite of rooms and board in one of the most graph Company has not been slow in aristocratic hotels' in the United making haste to get under cover, and high that he undoubtedly has to take stituted by the Attorney General of up the Chautauqua to "piece out" ex- the United States. The action A band was playing in the plaza penses.

Postal Banks Not a Success

lowed his mind the relief of idly lisfilling with Spanish people, who soon years ago the banking interests breed looked out from the loitering banks. Now that this system is in People. srowd. But no matter what the racial operation, it is found that it has not been a success and has last practically one million dollars to the governumnet, since it was installed. The prin- among that class of statesmen who cipal reasons assigned are ascribed never know that it is too late to do As the evening drew on Kirk be change while the larger accounts still victory of the champions of the Hetch

Startling Revenue Facts

One of the new inventions th came along just ahead of the automobile and the moving picture and the time, was the cigarette. From use fo whiskey in the United States table mattter. has doubled in the last fifteen years. The revenue tax on cigarettes is con siderably over a million dollars

Representative Moss of West Vir. Point, resulting in a resolution ' will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED gginia, has a bill before Congress Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, ask-DOLLARS for each and every case of proposing that all highways throughing for an investigation. Catarrh that cannot be cured by the out the United States that are now DSO OF HALL'S CATARRH CURE . ' used in transporting rural mail be declared post roads, and placed under Sworn to before me and subscribed federal authority. His suggestion em in my presence, this 6th day of De braces a Bureau of Public Post cion in New England that polygamy Roads, to be maintained from Wash- exists even outside of Utah, and Sen-

Prohibiting Convict Labor

A step toward shutting out convict labor is contained in a bill by Reprehibiting the importation of goods in everywhere as the remedy which will which foreign convict labor was em- surely stop a cough or cold. D.

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this telephone monopoly is viewed i Washington as an attempt to forestal government ownership, but it is safe

Works is Still Fighting Senator Works of California the ever present little black and tan to the limit of \$500 which any indianything, and to emphasize that fact vidual may deposit. The Postoffice he has introduced a measure in the Department is getting all the small Senate that would undo the great tion gives all legal business. Hetchy measure, who finally secured their legislation after years of struggle in Conggress.

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It appears that there is a suspic-

introduced a resolution in the Senate

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> We all remember the teacher's pets in the public school, and now it ap-

pears that this feature of human na ture has been asserting itself at West ator Weeks of Massachusetts has

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gan to look forward with pleasure their bours on deck. The Santa Cruz was four days out before Corthadt joined them, and ly to Kirk, then, after exchanging a tion without a second glance in her

knowledge of current events, a keen | background and close at hand a town, complain. "I don't know you, Mr.- | another week." understanding of men and things, vet | The ship came to anchor abreast of a What's the name again? Anthony? | "I'm delighted," the consul said

"Stein told me today that your bus-

-"Your father is one of the most pow truth." said he, "the governor doesn't

you to get me two diamonds' and a to be something doing when I get The Santa Cruz was now rapidly "Glad to meet you," wheezed the fa' drawing out of the cold northern winter | man, extending a limp, moist hand "You did not impress me as a college and into a tropic warmth. The nights without rising. When Kirk had grasp, banana—"I've got a gold mine" were perfect, the days divine. The ed it he felt like wiping his own palm. "I'm not. I graduated four years passengers responded as if to a magic | "Have a seat." The speaker indicated bead. "They don't behave." ago. I barely made it, but I did get draft, and Kirk acknowledged to a rela broken backed rocker encumbered! Inctant enjoyment of the change and | with damp clothes, newspapers and mine and hasn't been worked for three | Anthony laughed lightly. "And you have never been to the found himself less eager to go back. | books. "Just dump that rubbish on centuries. If he doesn't like that we'll | "Oh, laugh if you want to. You're a Mrs. Cortlandt loined him as usual the floor; it don't matter where." Then get him a street railway franchise. smooth article, but you happened to se-

and a late hour found them leaning ! over the rail, side by side, while Anof thony bewailed the fact that he knew ! with such a natural, bosish smile that his neighbor talked freely, and in a dark horizon ahead of them. They

By pledging his one article of jewel- she changed the subject. The heard y'

thoughts occurred to him, and he he- "We won't discuss it." she said "I as- collect message at the cable office and when the crowd broke up at mig.

ity. "Nothing doing, Mr. Locke.

· After some wandering he found the country "Have you no ambition? Is there no | consul's house and knocked at the door.]. "He's a hard man in money mat. -girl, for instance? Have you never | whereupon a high pitched, querulous ters." said Darwin K. Anthony's son. "Come in. Dammit. don't stand ing the only person who ever made when he strolled in to inquire: Kirk entered to find a buge, globu- "All successful men are cautious." lar man clad in soiled linens sprawled Weeks declared. "But if he knew the yourself."

Your life has been too easy and placid. | "Is this Mr. Weeks?" Kirk inquired.

. 'word. He put up his guest at the club

ed to his account

myself, and you'll stay right here as I to an extension of his exile. Mean-

It was too much for Kirk, and he deferred his trip over the "line," spend-

veloped for him an increasing affec-But all things have an end, and Friday morning broke clear and hot. "We'll bear from the old gentleman fast. "He's regularity itself. The train dispatchers set their watches by. account with the fawning fat man

voice. "I've fed you for a week. I put you up at my club. That very suit of clothes you have on is mine." "Well, don't burst a seam over the matter. My governor doesn't know the facts. I'll cable him myself this time." suppose? Not if I know it! He same "He doesn't understand. Will you

wide balcony; then, noting Anthony's To the indignant amazement of Mr. Weeks. Kirk burst into a genuine

> in resource, and a period of sober contemplation brought him no helpful thought. Perhaps, after all, he decid-

Uncle Sam in this claim. It appears the two places allotted to each that large sums were deposited by the states in the Hall of Fame. the United States with various States! Sttatesmen Who Shine States Treasury had more money under the agreement the money was students of our financial problems, are to the machine-made kind; and be returned by the States when has finally become a law. Although to do this, they will send a samp) the United States Treasury needed this measure has been one of the card of twelve pens, different it. The process is much the same greatest of national questions in the terms, to any address upon receipt of as that of distributing deposits among consideration of the legislation few ten cents in stamps. Address Spenbanks, except that Kentucky and other men in Congress have attained any cerian Pen Co., 349 Broadway, New States fail to understand how a debt distinction. In the House who can York City. one remember except Carter Glass, so old should be counted, or paid. and that only because he was Chai-r AN IDEAL WOMAN'S LAXATIVE Another Chaucaugua Victim man of the committee. Then in the Chautauqua "gets" the best of them "You get out of my house!" and now Vice President Marshall has steamship company near by and asked followed the example of the illusleave to telephone. But on calling up trious William Jennings Bryan, Chan p the Hotel Tivoli in Panama city he Clark, Captain Hobson and others, and

ahead of him like a trained hippopota and forbade him to follow.

when he came back-a very good

band, too-and, finding a bench, he al-

He's standing army. came conscious of an unwonted sen go to the private banking interests. sation. He began to wonder whether a fast of twenty-four hours would seriously weaken a man, and, rather than make the experiment, he again

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ordered three, baving them charg. Kirk found himself singularly lacking Adly with as fine a crowd of men as relief from the Cortlandit. According. he had ever met. There were young ly he strolled into the offices of the