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Frank Reade, Jr., and his Queen Clipper of the Clouds: a thrilling story of a wonderful voyage in the air Part I

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The fugitive settler needed no injunction to make haste. His wife and children were in the wagon, and the honest pioneer was seeking to save the loved ones, who were dearer to him than his own life.
The speaker was Dr. Vassey, a man of middle age and a celebrated scientist and famous traveler. He had just entered the smoking-car of a west-bound railway train at a way station, and the young man to whom he spoke, and with whom he at the same time shook hands warmly, and ate the dinner Frank Reade, Jr., had prepared for him.

"Yes, doctor," answered the young man, in response to the greeting of the other, who was his most valued friend, "I am just returning from New York. But sit down here and have a smoke." "Thanks," replied the doctor, taking a seat at his friend's side and accepting a fragrant "lawn." "All well at home in Readestown, I suppose," asked Frank, Jr. "Yes, that is to say your family is well. But as to the town—well, a large band of thieves have camped in the grove beyond the village, and I shouldn't wonder if we had some trouble with them yet, as the men are bold and insolent, and, as I suspect, given to thieving."

"They are not pleasant neighbors to have, at all events, and they haven't located far from my residence. I think I shall apply to the county authorities to remove them."

"I think myself it would be a wise plan to do so, for I understand that, because your servants have refused to rob your lady to supply their extravagant demands for provisions, they have made some very unsatisfactory propositions of late which, if granted, will make the final purchases of machinery and supplies for the great air-ship you are building?"

"Yes, doctor, and everything further needed for the completion of my last, and by all odds the greatest invention of my life, is to be shipped by rail to Readestown without delay."

"Besides Frank Reade, Jr. and Dr. Vaneyke there were only three other men in the smoking-car. Two of these were commercial travelers, and they were seated in the forward part of the car talking and laughing loudly. The third man, aside from Frank Reade, Jr., and the doctor, was a personage regarding whom little can be said, for his face was not to be seen. He occupied the seat directly ahead of Frank and the doctor, and he appeared to be sleeping soundly, with his face resting upon his arms, that were supported by the back of the seat in front."

It was also Frank Reade, Jr.'s, home, and the two had already engaged in many discussions about the last new invention which Frank was at work on. The doctor was almost as much interested in this wonderful air-ship as the young inventor himself. But they could not agree as to the theory, which, carried out practically, would result in an apparatus by means of which the air might be successfully navigated.

"Frank, as well as Frank Reade, Jr., had been a student of aerostatics—that which pertained to navigating the air."

"Frank," the old scientist presently, when he had got his cigar well under way, "I am still sceptical, and I say much the same of this last invention of yours will turn out a failure."

"Impossible! I tell you, doctor, I feel that my success is assured," said Frank enthusiastically.

"The greatest inventors have failed to solve the problem of making a goodable balloon. Frank, true, in large, covered halls they have been made to go in a medium heavier than themselves, but they were found useless outside. A good breeze baffled them. A storm would have wrecked them."

"Very good," replied Frank Reade, Jr., not at all shaken in his conviction of the ultimate success of his invention. "If the apparatus for sailing in the atmosphere finds support in the air, it belongs to the medium in which it moves. Under such conditions how can its mass, which offers so much resistance to the atmosphere, make its way against the wind?"

"The doctor looked at Frank, Jr., keenly as he said: "Do you then mean to suggest the absurd theory that the flying machine to succeed must be heavier than the air? Why, all the great authorities are against you."

"That is precisely why they have failed. I as- sure, doctor, that the future of the flying machine depends on its being heavier than the air. Tis the chief secret of solid fuel. If a column of air has an ascensional movement of forty-five meters a second a man can support himself on the top of it."

"The doctor looked at Frank, Jr., keenly as he added: "And have you overcome all the errors of your predecessors?"

"I flatter myself that I have done so. I now have all the plans and drawings for my air-ship completed, and shall immediately hurry forward the construction of the apparatus."

The doctor and Frank Reade, Jr., had no thought that any one was listening to their conversation, for they supposed the man in front of them was simply sleeping soundly. Such, however, was not the actual truth; the man was suddenly aware of a slight draught, which the air brought in with it. He awoke and listened. In fact, he was never more wide awake in his life. His eyes flashed with a cunning light, his pale features worked nervously, and his drunk every word uttered by Frank Reade, Jr., and the old doctor as though his life depended on it.

"When De Lacy showed that the stage steamer could lift into the air two hundred times its own weight, the problem of the flying-machine was neatly solved. Whence came the power? From the venting of the air," continued Frank, Jr., "it is true, the air is highly resistant."

"And we know that as the weight of a bird increases the less the proportional increase of the surface beaten by its wings in order to sustain it."

"But the motion is slower."

"Precisely; and so I know the application of this principal to my flying machine is perfectly practicable."

"I am not yet convinced, Frank. However, I wish you all success. And if you do succeed the accomplishment will astound the world."

"I agree with you, doctor, and now I want you to promise me one thing."

"What is that?"

"If, when my air-ship is completed you are convinced that my object is attained, will you accompany me on a voyage in the air?"

"Yes, doctor, I am ready, and I can assure you I will do my utmost to aid you in your work."

"O.K. Then, doctor, I will chart the course at sight, and I now ask you to make some suggestions as to the height to which we shall rise."

"I will take a balloon, Mr. Reade, and compare it."

"I wish, doctor, you would send me a report of your voyage in the air, and then I will go with you."

"You will see," said Frank, "when my air-ship is completed you will sail in the air."

"The man with his head down started violently, but the young inventor and the doctor did not observe his movement."

"No motor! Are you in your right mind, Frank?"

"Rather. But the explanation of my meaning would involve a long discussion. You will know all later on."

"What is that your flying machine is to be constructed of? Wood?"

"No," replied Frank, Jr., "it is of steel."

"No," replied the doctor, "it is of brass."

"No," replied Frank, Jr., "the doctor looked puzzled, but not so much as the man whose face was hidden, and who pretended to be asleep."

"Really, doctor, you must wait until my air-ship is built. Then we will be the time for me to make everything clear," said he. Just then the train began to slow up, and the brakeman opened the door and shouted.
FRANK READE, JR., AND HIS QUEEN CLIPPER OF THE CLOUDS

PART I.

FRANK READE, JR., and his Queen Clipper of the Clouds.

The young inventor owned a fine residence in the suburbs of the town, which had been named in honor of his father, Frank Reade, Sr. It was a large, well-built house, with a broad, sloping roof, and a veranda that ran around three sides. The ground of the spacious garden was carefully cultivated, and the flowers were of many colors and kinds.

Frank Reade, Jr., was a gentle, quiet boy, and his manners were always pleasant and winning. He was the talk of the town, and every one admired him. He was not tall, but he was strong and muscular; and his eyes were bright and lively. He was always ready to help his friends, and never thought of himself.

The next day Frank heard the news, and he was much grieved. He knew that his father would die soon, and he was very sad. He went to his room and cried a great deal. He was very happy and contented, and he was always ready to work and play. He was a good boy, and he was loved by all who knew him.

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that upon the middle finger there was a great bloodstone ring of singular and unique design. In it were the figures of ships and castles, and in the center a small rainbow, on which were laid a bow and arrow and snared away his precious box just as that talon-like band was about to clench it.

Frank Reade, Jr., looked his own eyes, and then closed his eyes, and Frank heard the sound of heavy feet, and saw a man in the doorway and the handle of the blade in the man's hand.

As quickly as possible the young inventor opened the door and stepped out.

But he was unable to discover any one, although the light from the far objects readily vis-

ible was no indecipherable distance.

The would-be thief had made good his escape, and Frank, now realizing his danger, made straight for the residence, it was Frank's inference that the fel-

low had fled through that, since he would not have ben a few yards in the extreme distance of the trees.

Now, however, Frank, did not think a pursuit of the rascal would be rewarded, Frank did not attempt to follow him.

He was not a little surprised to think that such a daring attempt had been made to steal the plans which would be useless to any one save some skillful fellow, and one learned in the science of aerial navigation like himself.

Certainly, thought Frank, there could be but one an-

swer to the question as to what the motive of the thief was.

So he determined to appropriate his ideas and for-

tress them in the production of an air-ship that should be a success.

Frank had resolved to be alert and watchful

after that, but he kept the incident of the night a secret.

After this the work on the air-ship went forward

steadily, and it was some days before anything unusual was noticed.

One morning, however, there was trouble at

the work-shop.

Frank, Jr., was in the work-shop, and Richard

Banks and the other two new men were in the yard, about fifty yards away.

A boisterous wind was making its own noise.

So it was that the young inventor heard a tumult of voices—force threats and taunting cries.

He was about to go outside to ascertain what was the matter, when a small object shot into the shop followed by a shower of ugly missiles.

The thing was Frank, Jr., only escaped by dodging quickly.

Then he saw that a crowd of dirty, ragged-look-

ing fellows, who had forced their way into the shop, had forced their way into the yard, and he knew they were the band of tramps from the town.

He ran to the door of the work-shop to the curator about them, and requested that the officer to remove them as vagrants and nuis-

ances.

They were not notified, but were tossed to give them a barrel of potatoes, which they had demanded, and that very morning the sheriff was notified, and the tramps ordered them out of the county at once, sitting rather comfortably, since Frank, Jr., had made a formal complaint against them.

So it came about that the tramps were now work-

ers in the yard of the new young inventor.

But Frank, Jr., had obtained a supply of wine and that rendered them reckless and des-

perate.

They numbered thirty men, and they were bent

upon taking revenge upon Frank Reade, Jr., be-

fore the sheriff could assemble a force to drive

them out of the county.

Frank Reade, Jr., sprang to the door of the work-

shop toward which the infuriated, drunken mob of tramps was advancing.

"Hallo there, you young fellers," thundered Frank, as he quickly closed and secured the door.

But the tramps receded with another volley of

missiles.

Hall and Blake had now left their work and they

were bending over the new engine.

Just then the voices of Barney were heard by the

mates of the besieged work-shop.

The Irishman said: "Arrah! Ye murtherin' blackguards are the work-

shop, and the news is out that Frank Reade, Jr., was arrest-

ed yesterday by the police.

Did you hear the question you want faith an' I'm the man you are lookin' for?"

"Yes it's the deuce! I see right long wid yar Barney, an' well make men while trash scatter to the winds!"

The truth was, Barney was now in his element and Pomp was happy. The prospect of a win-

ning fight had roused the Irishman.

He and Pomp were at work packing away a sup-
nery of powder, bullets and dynamite cartridges, which Frank, Jr., intended to take with him on his air-ship when the construction was completed.

The place in which they were storing away the explosives for a time, was the ice-house at the rear of the yard, about fifty yards distant from the work-

shop.

CHAPTER III.

THE QUEEN CLIPPER OF THE CLOUDS CAME ON THE GREAT VOYAGE.

SMITH BROWN proved to be an excellent executive officer, and the young inventor, of course, was more than satisfied with his acquisition.

He was a very quiet and re-

spectful fellow, and had never the least idea of taking off to all in-

structions, and quick to comprehend.

With the force of men Frank, Jr., now had em-

ployed, and the time that the airship was at length completed, and one evening the young in-

ventor announced that it was time that the end of the work-shop.

And so the good doctor was present, he added with

pardonable pride:

"When can we inspect it and hear you explain it?"

"The morning," replied Frank, Jr.

And so the following day the doctor presented himself at the Reade mansion early in the morn-

ing, and then he and Frank, Jr., and old Mr. Reade went out to the inclosed yard adjoining the work-

shop. There rested the wonderful new flying ma-

chine—the air-ship which Frank, Jr., believed was destined to revolutionize the world.

"Admirable!" exclaimed the doctor, "it is far

better than I expected.

"Yes, and hence the name I have chosen for it," replied Frank, Jr., indicating a line of beautiful crowns which ran between the sides of the majestic vessel just below the deck line.

The Queen Clipper of the Clouds, read the doctor. "An appropriate name." And Frank, Jr., com-

mented.

The young inventor, the bird raised itself by beating the air with its wings. Now in the flying-

machine its weight was raised by striking the air with the wings, or the air moving over it.

These wings are in my invention disposed as a series of small vanes, which are set at intervals acro-

sing its axis. So these wings revolving upon a ver-

tical or perpendicularly support, raise the flying ma-

chine and give it the power of the airscrews when revolutions. So much for the suspensory power, the driving power was furnished by means of the revolving wings or fins moving on a horizontal axis.

The whole of my flying machine was this two-axis system of fins revolving vertically it suspended in the air; and it was provided with engines that are marvellously adapted for speed and safe-

ness.

Thus explained Frank, Jr.

But let us sketch the air-ship minutely, so that the reader may understand just how it looked and all about its workings.

To make it more easily comprehensible we will

briefly explain the deck of the ship.

This was a framework a hundred feet long and

twelve wide, like a ship's deck. Over this was laid solidly built, including the engines, the water tanks and the stores and supplies.

Bound the deck a few light uplights supported a wire trolley that did duty for bathways. On the deck itself stood four or five large bellows for the crew or as machine rooms. Under the hull there was a screw, and this whole thing was the conclusion: when the ship came down on the earth.

All the cabins were lighted by port-holes filled

with clear glass, and these made the resistance of ordinary glass.

In the bow there were the cook's galley and the

crew's quarters; in the stern were several cabins, including that of the engineer, the saloon, and above all a glass house in which stood the helms-

man, who steered the vessel by means of a power-

ful wheel.

The machine that drove the suspension helices or wings was in the center house on the deck.

The ship held the air by means of the driving wings.

In that forward was the machine that drove the unscrewed fir, but the driving machine of the stern screw. These were the propelling power.

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And so,” said Frank, “and his extraordinary remarks recorded a few paragraphs back the doctor, in the beginning, attributed the air-ship for some moments in silent wonder.

Their scientific knowledge enabled them to understand that such a vessel could not possibly be made by any known

Then the doctor said:

"Certainly, doctor, although my motive power is I am forced to yield. I begin to lose my doubts of your ultimate success. I think you have solved the problem of aerial navigation," said the doctor.

Frank, Jr., was delighted, and he went on to say:

"You see, my powerful currents give me the power to drive the screws and communicate a most

"Yes, read and look at it. The following morning, as

"Truly, truly!"

"And certainly, doctor." The doctor admitted the house in the stern, where he could work the

"Ah, then you have invented new chemical com-

"What is the matter with the air-ship?"

"And to the best of my knowledge, I have heard no

"Frank, you fairly take away my breath! One hour and two minutes only!

"Yes, and that too without danger under favorable circumstances—that is to say when sails are not encountered."

"I believe you. Anything is possible with your air-ship after this. But no machine lighter than

"Certainly not. You comprehend, of course, that the Queen Clipper is equipped for the

"'Tis true, and I can understand how you feel. There is

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"It is! it is! And now, my dear doctor, I am recording the reward of all my labor in inventing and constructing this machine for aerial locomotion," replied Frank Reed, Jr.

"And no one can ever again refute your theory of sailing the air, for its truth is demonstrated.

At what rate of speed are we going now?"

"About eleven knots an hour," replied Frank, 

"glancing at a dial something like the face of a

"Frank, the young inventor had engaged, includ-

"Smith Brown, were on board the air-ship.

It was gaily decorated with flags and everything

"It was ready for a flight. The crew were assigned

"Frank and the Roundheads took east part of the

"Every engineer, every man of sense knew in his

"The Queen Clipper was a most splendid work, in which

"As the wind warmed by currents from the accumulators,

"I have made out a list of the supplies which I have already on board. Here is it, doctor. Please

"I have packed twelve envelopes in the air-ship, each

"The Queen Clipper contains forty-two hundred

"A light India-rubber boat incalculable, which will carry eight men on water, fishing appliances, ammunition, life-belts, doctor, surgeon, compasses and sextants for checking the

"Of course, my discoverer says, different for estimating the height attained, others for indi-

"When an elevation of several hundred feet is

"Then the powerful currents began to work on the current to the propelling machines fore and aft, which were at once obeyed by Barney and Smith Brown.

Then as the great horizontal fans at bow and stern, the young inventor began his course, and the air-ship sailed away "Westward.

And just then a horseman, riding at speed, dashed up to the crowd on the earth below.

"I do not know any facts about which you have not

"And now about your supplies? asked the doctor.

"That very day a trial ascension was made which demonstrated the truth of all Frank, Jr., claimed for it.

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The strange man's breath came in quick, panting respirations, like one fatigued. His features were stretched and worked as though the muscles were under too great a tension, being acting independently of his will.

That current of his intellect was concentrated upon the work before him it seemed clear.

But at last a momentary pause passed at the door of the cabin-room, the assistant engineer heard them.

Instantly, what his pale, studious face lost its white, livid look and flushed like the face of a man whose body was free from details of the grandeur of the machine, and suddenly he called to the companion, "What was that?" And the engineer, "See!" he exclaimed with seeming intoxication, "I have made a rough sketch of a section from the landscape below.

Thus speaking, he held out the drawing paper, and Frank stood and said, "You see, he was asked, "it was a sketched a landscape. It was very well done.

"You are quite an artist and an enthusiast in that line too. But do you not neglect the propelling machine for the pencil," said Frank, Jr.

"Never fear for that, sir," respectfully replied Smith Brown, drawing a deep breath.

Frank and the doctor inspected the machine, and then went to the storerooms in the central house where chief engineer had been, Each had discovered the other, and they were grouped in something wrong. There was a most excellent meal in the cook's galley in the to make free with.

"Dr. Barney, surely you do not think I would for the sake of a pencil, " said Frank, Jr.

"But as usual, it is a chance for our lives, my dear doctor," said to Frank Reade, Jr., who stood by him.

"Yes, I see," said Frank, Jr., "I am ready. Worry, my dear doctor, hasn't shown Frank, Jr., that side.

The young inventor would have been astonished.
dark object above the air-ship was yet nearer. Pomp's bright gaze finally enabled him to decide positively that it was a balloon.

"Come, men!" he shouted to Barney and Pomp. "Turn on the electric light and get the great reflector ready for making the necessary observation on the coming object. It's only a balloon!"

"No doubt, sir!" answered Pomp. "Sure an' it's the big coward ye are, nagur!' cried Barney, gravely refuting.

"Is it all right? I won't afraid! Yah! Yah! I've only tryin' to scare you," replied Pomp.

A moment later the reflector was turned on a cable and quickly turned on the electric light and reflected its rays on the object above.

As it approached the diverging plane of the electric halo, Barney, Pomp, and the balloon, and the carriage under the great inflated globe contained two men. But the two aeronauts were in singular positions. One was the captain and the other the second officer over the rim of the carriage. The other seemed in a state of almost dying curiosity. westward.

The moment the balloon was brought up to the darky remained in the balloon examining every-thing with childish curiosity. westward.

As the balloon approached, the captain and the second officer failed to find the cause of the outcry. They had become seized a moment before.

The engineers returned to the machine rooms, and the ship was ready to go back to the ship, and they began to hope that they might be set free.

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Then he issued the necessary orders to the seaman and the assistant engineer, Blake now taking the box machine, and the air-ship was skillfully steered to the westward a few points.

Then the balloon, after a period of uncertainty, drifted as a large serpent, when it suddenly caught and caught the carriage with a
great dangerous, as the wind began to freshen.

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But suddenly there came a startling interrup-
tion.
The alarm bell on the Queen Clipper began to
ring fast and furious, and Smith Brown's voice
was heard as he shouted:
"Help! help! help!"
Then through the uncertain light Frank, Jr., saw
the deck of his air-ship thronged with strange
dark forms.

CHAPTER VII.
A BATTLE FOR POSSESSION OF THE AIR-SHIP.
The consternation of Frank Reade, Jr., and his
great achievements?" replied Dr. Vaneyke in
a tone of unutterable disappointment and regret.
"No!" responded Frank Reade, Jr., with deter-
mation. "It must not be! I will never give up
the ship. Men, are you with me for a desperate
venture to recapture our wonderful craft?"
"We are! We are!" came the enthusiastic re-
sponse.
To a man the inventor's crew were resolved to
stand by him, and follow him to the rescue of the
great air-ship.
"Then we will improve every second. Now let's
cover!"
Frank dashed for the fringe of timber on the
Clipper from the other side, if the outlaws fall into
our trap and leave the ship."
"Excellent!" exclaimed the doctor.
"Boys, I've do be corn to work de game. I've
time to do some head work to fool dem white
trash too," said the darky.
"Pomp was a dead shot with the rifle, and brave
as a lion when on terra firma. Frank knew he
could be relied on to do his part.
"Begob, it's a bit av a ruction we've got if the
blackguard have any way on the ship. Sure an'
't he's a hoppy man I am. Many's the day since I've
had a bit av diversion wid 'thf stillwhim!" cried
Barney, delighted at the prospect of a fight.

The fugitive settler needed no injunction to make haste. His wife and children were in the wagon,
and the honest pioneer was seeking to save the loved ones, who were dearer
to him than his own life.

 comrades when, through the moonlight, they be-bank of the stream. The others followed his lead,
held the deck of the Queen Clipper of the Clouds
and in a moment all were out of the sight of the
outlaws on the air-ship under the trees.
"Now then," said Frank, as he hailed just bey-
yond the edge of the timber, "we can only hope to
retain The Queen Clipper by a stratagem, and
have thought of a plan. This stream and the
fringe of timber run east and west. At one point
it passes the air-ship, which is about one hundred
yards west of this point. Very good. We have
two repeating rifles with us. The doctor and I
have long been concealed in the adjacent timber when we made
a landing.
"And they evidently greatly outnumber us.
That they mean to plunder and destroy the ship
may be assumed. In the wonderful apparatus to
be lost thus at the very commencement of your-see of the timber and try to come upon the Queen
board of The Queen Clipper.
The prairie outlaws had reached the air-ship ahead of Smith Brown, and they were concealed on the deck—crouching in the deep shadows of the cabins—when the lunatic came on board, bent upon his insane project of stealing the wonderful vessel.

The outlaws wished, of course, to make Smith Brown a prisoner without allowing him to give his companions the alarm.

Suddenly two of them sprang upon him and a blow was aimed at the head of the insane professor that would have felled him senseless to the deck if it had hit him. But a wound made by the assailants caused Smith Brown to leap aside, and the brave, reckless darky had now got everything in readiness for business. He had placed make terms. I done reckon dat ready cash am waff no' to yours can our ship.

The capability of the outlaw chief was at once aroused upon hearing this, and he ordered a halt. Pomp could not have hit upon anything better to say to gain his ends.

"Well, what will you give if we let you have the ship, and spare your life? But hold on; You're a nigger! Sure you ain't the captain of the flyin' outfit?" replied the outlaw leader.


The amazed and enraged savages leaped upward, making frantic efforts to seize Pomp. But he was whisked beyond their reach. The Indians yelled and discharged their weapons at Pomp as he was carried skyward at the end of the rope which was attached to the air-ship.

"Well, then, I'll tell you what, my high-toned friends. I'll take ten thousand dollars if you have 'em, an' pull out with my gang, an' leave you an' yer furrin' outfit unjured," said the outlaw.

"All right. But's pitty steep, but I can't lose dat air-ship nowob. Jess wait till I go back in de wood what I done bid al de money, an' I'll bring you de dollars in a moment, sah."

"Be mighty quick then, Mr. Coon, or the boys will git tired of waitin'!" replied the outlaw.

"Golly, I guess I done gained all de time I kin for Mars Frank by workin' head work, an' so now I'se ready to throw head in dem men, low-down rumpers, fer keeps. Dat's gwine to be a Fourth of July celebration broke loose mighty sudden!" said Pomp, as he hastened back into the woods.

In a moment he took his place between the two
repeating rifles, and with his fingers on the triggers he waited for the onset of the outlaws which he knew soon would come.

And just in time. The next attack Pomp listened almost breathlessly for the sound that would tell Frank, Jr., and his comrades that the air-ship had gained the air-ship.

Some moments elapsed that were periods of suspense.

Then the outlaws, becoming impatient and suspecting that they had been tricked rushed forward.

Instantly Pomp opened fire with the two sixteen-shooters. Like a flash the riflemen worked the triggers of their two rifles, sending a rattling volley of bullets bursting among the charging outlaws.

The maulers fell back in confusion before that deadly fire.

They were all wounded, and as the ship sailed on a pivot in the bows already loaded.

It was a hand to hand struggle between the six outlaws and the crew of the air-ship, and while all hands were valiantly fighting on.

"Whoop! Erin-go-brosh! Down wid the blackguards at the world!" shouted the fearless Irishman, and he challenged recklessly on the outlaws, saying, "An Irishman never nades his word.

In less than a moment Barney had trained two of his revolvers at the head of one of the outlaws. Behind him, Sands, a fourth, had trained his piece, Reade, Frank, Jr., and the doctor batted valiantly.

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"'Course, Pomp, lend me a hand with the field-piece, and we'll give yer lawless rascals such a reception, as will teach them a lesson," Frank Jr., added.

Then he sprang to the cannon, which was mounted on the starboard side of the ship, and put his shoulder to the revolving carriage that supported the field-piece, and, assisted by Frank, Jr., and Barney, Jr., they turned around the ship.

The loud detonation reverberated over the plain, and the报告 was immediately upon the plains. A cloud of powder smoke hung for a moment over the air-ship, and then that smoke was blown away by the gale.

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He mentioned to Blake, who inquired as to the contents of the chest, that it contained some undiscernible objects.

After the contents of the aeronaut's chest had been inspected, Frank and the doctor conversed closely on the matter. The young inventor said:

"I made no secret of the plan, whoever is he will try to open the battery-room secretly, if he has not already done so, and I propose to set a trap afloat Instantly.

But some little time later, Frank, Jr., thought that it was time to renew one of the electric piles and that he had heard the report of firearms and loud shouts emanating from the direction of the air-ship. He knew then that a flight was in progress there.

Then clenching a rifle in each hand, Pomp ran at full speed along the edge of the timber until he came opposite the air-ship; then he darted out of the woods and made straight for the air-ship.

Now, the main body of the outlaws, attracted by the sounds of conflict on the Queen Clipper were running straight to the bow-cabin, where Pomp had left on the board the serial craft. In less than a moment, his party had taken those outlaws by surprise. Screaming silently through the tall prairie grass the inventor and his comrades emptied their revolvers on them.

The young inventor and his old friend were much excited to hear the sound of the electric piles as from time to time they heard the report of firearms and loud shouts emanating from the direction of the air-ship. He knew then that a flight was in progress there.

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The young inventor measured the relative rate of speed attained, and then the doctor measured the rate of speed with his wonderfully accurate instrument. The speed attained was more than half the speed of sound, and the train wrenched and rushed by the brothers, and they with force yanked it back.

The slow birds broke suddenly.

First came a short puff or two of what air it, the conch horn and the bell, and then the full volume of the guns burst upon the air-ship. The vessel was raised to an elevation of about eight hundred feet. The first gun sent her careening dangerously on one side; the suspension helices were checked at an elevation of some three hundred feet, and the elastics sent out unnecessary shrieks, and the hurricane threatened to make her capsize.

Frank Reade, Jr., was cool and composed in the midst of the peril. He saw that the course of the train was now shifting, and he said:

"Put on more speed! We must rise above the storm."

The chief-engineer threw the levers to the last notch, and the suspension helices reversed with a jar. The elastics flashed, and a series of flashes in showers from their bases and The Queen Clipper of the Clouds shot upward like a rocket. The ascent carried the vessel far above the storm in an almost incredible space. The vessel's motion was checked at an elevation of some thirty-four hundred feet, and at that height she sailed onward until she was out of the range of the storms that had threatened.

The peril passed. Doctor Yancey complimented Frank Reade, Jr., on his skill, and the wonderful vessel obeyed his machinery.

"I am proud of the air-ship," said the inventor. "It is an Irishman you are fighting this time, and it's an Irishman you are fighting to tell it. His boat you may be after don't if he was in the air or sea.

"That's all right, Barney. But the Irishman ain't doing any more dealing with the oil, and the flames with his wonderful invention."

The pursuit of the oilers was continued by the air-ship until the former finally broke, and fell to the shelter of an adjacent woods completely extinguished.

Frank Reade, Jr., and the doctor began to walk on the track. Where they are, the road goes through a little rocky, sandy waste. They may cause the loss of many precious lives," said the doctor.

"If you don't mean to let them wreck this train," Frank Reade, Jr., said gravely, "I'll have to tell the doctor.

"Your hand. That's like you, Frank. Always in the side of the right," said the doctor.
We will save you! Keep up your heart. Remember those who are watching from far away, and who have left their fate in the hands of the man who will save us. The crew were compelled to make a virtue of necessity and obey me, for I am the only one alive who is capable of managing the ship. The crew were compelled to make a virtue of necessity and obey me, for I am the only one alive who is capable of managing the ship. The crew were compelled to make a virtue of necessity and obey me, for I am the only one alive who is capable of managing the ship. The crew were compelled to make a virtue of necessity and obey me, for I am the only one alive who is capable of managing the ship.
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"splash," right into the great tank full of cold water. Pompe could not stop in time to save himself, and he dived without notice from the top, and both went down over head, spattering and bounding comically. Each hurried as if they ran and looked down into the tank. But their unexpected cold bath cooed off the gullet, and they immediately came up splashing like a couple of half drowned rats, and well high stranded.

And when a yellow, hot Pomp darted, interposed and prevented it. So a temporary truce was declared, but there might be an outbreak of war at any moment. The Queen of the Clouds is the only available opportunity.

The vessel was to descend earthward, and it was over the Yellowstone country and it proceeded at a moderate elevation, so that a good view of the surrounding country could be obtained from the deck of the Queen of the Clouds.

Finally a range of volcanic foot hills attracted the doctor's attention, and as he thought that among them he would be likely to find such geological specimens as he wished to secure, a descent was made and soon the airship, supported by its elastic springs, rested lightly on the earth.

As yet no Indians had been seen, but for all that they might be lurking near under cover of some adjacent timber or among the rocks. So the doctor hastened to the vessel, where Barney left the ship to search for mineral specimens, took the presentation to arm himself with rifles and put them into the pockets.

The party advanced among the hills.

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the specimens.
The air-ship was soon sailing over the highest mountain-tops. The supply of oxygen decreased with the density of the air, and this occasioned the greatest danger of aerial navigation. The want of oxygen at that great elevation was seriously felt by all, but the mountain range was safely passed.

"Now tell me your plan for the rescue of the cave-captives?" then said the doctor.

CHAPTER XIV.
A WONDERFUL RESCUE—FRANK, JR., FINDS SOME THING.

"In one moment, doctor, I will make the expedition you desire," replied Frank, to his friend's last remark. Then he ordered a descent to be made.

This was accomplished in the usual manner—by stopping the propelling screws and gradually diminishing the speed of the suspensory helices. The Queen Clipper came to rest on the earth in a sheltered valley with scarp clay, owing to the agencies under her hull. Then Frank turned to the doctor again, and said:

"Now for my plan to save the Americans." Then, speaking rapidly, he went on to tell of a novel and daring project he had formed, looking to the defeat of the Mexicans and the release of their American captives.

"Bravo!" exclaimed the doctor, when Frank concluded. "I really think the plan you have suggested is a feasible one."

The air vessel remained in the sheltered valley until nightfall.

Monte Frank acquainted all the crew with his plans against the Mexican brigands, and he occupied himself, a portion of the time, in making preparations for the disinfection of the mountain outlaws.

As Frank knew would be the case, the night at length came on moonless and dark.

Then the Queen Clipper of the clouds was sent up into space again, and no pause was made until the young inventor knew that an elevation higher than the loftiest mountain peak was attained.

Then the propellers were started, and the return voyage over the mountains was begun. For fear of discovery by the Mexicans, Frank did not dare show the electric light, and in the darkness the air-ship floated earthward in the direction of the fire.

Very soon the young inventor made out that it was a camp-fire in the pass, at the mouth of the cave of the brigands.

Hanging in mid-air, the crew of the air-ship watched the camp-fire. They saw forms moving about it for a time. Then all save two of the forms entered the cave.

"The brigands have left two sentinels on guard," said Frank.

Then a careful descent was made into the pass. The Queen Clipper came to rest in the pass, fifty feet west of the mouth of the cave around a sharp escarpment. Being out of sight of the Mexican sentinels then, when the ship descended, Frank ventured to show a faint light, so as to obviate the danger of striking the walls of the pass, the space between them being rather narrow.

A landing having been made without accident, Frank produced a small portable battery, constructed according to his secret formula, that produced more powerful currents than electricians had hitherto dreamed of.

This battery was inclosed in a case similar to the transcases of a soldier and provided with straps. Frank strapped it on his back. Then he connected a small steel bar with the battery by means of wire. The steel bar was provided with a non-conducting handle, so that Frank Reade, Jr., grasped it in his hand fearlessly.

"One touch of that bar," said Frank to the doctor, "will shock a man to death instantly or to insensibility."

"Now, Barney and Pomp, are you ready?" he called, turning to his two faithful servants, whom he had already fully instructed as to what was to be done.

"Faith, an' we are, thin; an' I'm in a hurry, be gob, for the bit av a rustion wid the Mexican natures to begin," said Barney.

"I'as all ready too, Mars Frank," assented Pomp.

The two brave fellows advanced, armed with Winchesterers and revolvers. They were fully aware that they were about to venture into the greatest
danger, but they were ready to follow Frank Reade anywhere.

"Now I am about to leave the airship. Remember, Reade, just before you leave, look in the electric light. It is so brilliant that it will enable you to see the basket, and the man inside. There is a walk in the front of the case," said Frank finally. He indicated a silver whistle.

The Queen was good enough to the good doctor, who knew it was possible he might never again see the young inventor, and took his hand again.

The succeeding moment Frank left the ship, followed by Barney and Pomp, the latter bearing, between his arms, a coil of flexible wire.

The trio crept stealthily toward the mouth of the cave. The campers were still sound asleep, and the smoldering embers were only glowing embers.

Peering around the angle of the pass Frank saw the Mexican sentinels standing at the mouth of the cave, leaning on their carbines.

"If only we might have the greatest satisfaction as he saw that the two sentinels stood with their backs turned toward him, but it was too late.

Not a sound of his footsteps reached the hearing of the Mexican sentinels, and in a moment the young inventor was close upon them.

Then suddenly he raised the steel bar, charged with a terrific current, and in a flash of blue light, and in quick succession touched each of them.

The street lamp which had been struck down by a thunderbolt was extinguished.

Then Barney and Pomp came forward quickly, and, in swift succession, struck the wire across the mouth of the cave in a series of tremendous arcs.

The campers were now in a spout of foot sport, and secured around the convenient jagged rocks on to the wire, which was broken throughout the entire air-ship, to the battery he carried. In an instant the two men were charged with electric currents.

Frank snatched up one of the carbines belonging to the sentinels, and discharged the weapon. As he had expected the report alarmed the instant embers of the cave.

Instantly they came rushing out of the cave, yelling at the top of their voices. Frank did not mind it, for he was too busy capturing the men he desired.

Then he introduced his companions and went on to explain his visit.

"We are prospectors from Santa Fe. We were out exploring the mountain. We have certain, if possible, the mineral wealth they really possess." With this explanation, Frank, quickly ascertained that the men did not understand.

"Do you wish to return home?" asked Frank.

"Yes, we have had enough of Mexico." Then the bell vio! Antly, Frank Reade, Jr., was captured, and the vestiges of the men became deposited in the electric arc on the ground.

The train stopped for the engineer boards the bell ring on the air-ship and read the sign. Then the Queen clipped the train to the earth and the resident signal officer on board raised the green flag, and the passenger train and carried on their homeward journey.

After this the course of the aerial craft was due west.

An excellent rate of speed was maintained and the vessel was not very long in reaching the great Rocky Mountains.

The Queen clipped over the pass in the wall of the great mountain, where the perpendicular walls towered thousands of feet toward the sky, when an accident occurred.

All at once the suspensory helices ceased to revolve.

The natural consequences ensued. The air-ship dropped downward with a awful speed. Right against the bow of the clipper stern the "mains of the clipper Queen of the Clouds." Frank Reade, Jr., and Dr. Van Yanky were on deck at the time.

The terrific sounding of falling, and the sudden cessation of the immense suspension helices, warned them of what was taking place.

The doctor replied as the ship as it flashed upon his mind. The Queen of the Clouds was clipping over the pass in the wall of the great mountain, where the perpendicular walls towered thousands of feet toward the sky, when an accident occurred. But no.

The recollection of the ring, as he had heard it, and the shape of the object which Frank Reade, Jr., picked up, was the flash of light, and the electric current was all turned off from the machinery. Sands, by body lay across the levers that touched the floor.

The theory of Richard Sands, Frank Reade reached the levers and reversed them immediately, thus turning on the motive power to the engines.

Then the suspensory helices spun round again and the airship, for Frank Reade was now just behind the furthest notch, and so turned on the whole power of the machinery. The result was what Frank desired.

The Queen Clipper shot upward.

Up! up! Our friend was now over the buildings, sailing straight above the peaks above, as well as above the aerial craft, and the doctor correctly ascertained that the engine was not derailed.

Frank Reade was revivified.

When he had fully recovered, he explained that the instant the wire struck the suspended carriages or any part of the ship, the bag of money was snatched up from his hand as he fell upon the levers, depressing him by his weight, and so turning off all the electricity and causing the suspensory helices to instantly become stationary.

"Ah! the black flier with the money before he was snatched. I am sure of it. He did not deceive me at the time.

"And when I had fully explained the facts, and the doctor had been fully ascertained by the young inventor that there were no signs that indicated the young inventor had accomplished as much as he was understood when the |"
"Frank, I've an idea we may turn this last incident to good account in detecting the thief."
"How, so doctor?"
"We're going to set sail to-morrow, and I intend to have the vessel thoroughly searched, and everybody examined."
"That's so. I see what you mean to suggest. You would propose that every man of the crew be examined, and every little incident and item of business carefully inspected."

"Yes, that is my idea precisely. Do not you approve of it?"

"Assuredly I do, and we will carry it out immediately."

Meantime, the man who had assaulted Engineer Sands and stolen his money overheard all the conversation.

Frank Reade, Jr., and the doctor were standing near the door of the stern cabin. Just inside the door stood the young inventor, with a dozen questions of every one of them which he carefully inspected.

"All right, I'll tell you what you mean," said Frank Reade, Jr., "and help me seize The Queen Clipper."

He resolved to possess himself of Sands' money, and as he marched to the vessel's waist amidst the hissing of the steam, Meade's men crowded about him. Then he disappeared, and his money was not seen again.

"That is an excellent plan," said the doctor.

Then Frank raised the bell and gave the signal for "Hands on deck!"

Every man responded.

Meanwhile, Reade had carried out his examined plan to evade detection. When Frank and the doctor moved away from his cabin he gilded out of it and proceeded to his own cabin, the stewards finding it empty.

But Hall had been there, at his post. As Frank Brown knew, Hall was a hard man to be cheated of the stolen bag of money from his own person to the pocket of Hall's jacket was, for Smith Brown, but not for the doctor, who had kept the stewards off his own station.

The two men, therefore, called all hands to the deck, Hall was the first to come out of the treasurer's room. But he paused long enough to put on his pea-jacket.

In a few moments all hands save Sands were drawn up in line on the main deck.

Then Frank Reade, Jr., addressed them:

"Men," said he, "a murderous assault, and a most daring robbery, has been committed on our aerial vessel.

"Fortunately no lives were lost, but several valuable articles were carried off. I wish to make the examination of the circumstances as thorough as the case will admit."

But the young inventor added, and here is the first step to be taken and reported.

He was thoroughly searched by Frank.

Of course the money was not found on him, and Frank made no attempt to search him for it. As Frank said, "He has no chance to hide anything."

It chanced that Hall was the last man to be searched.

Frank went through Hall's pockets, but at first he found nothing, and he was about to turn him over when he suddenly dropped something from his coat. Thrusting his hand once more into the inside of his pea-jacket, he seized a roll of paper, a banknote, and a gold sovereign, and thrust it into the left breast pocket of his pea-jacket.

The two officers who had been watching the examination of the cabin, who had spoken to Frank, and who had seen him take the sovereign, now asked him to give it to them.

"That's so, I wonder what Reade would say if he knew we were the two road agents all the sheriffs of California are after and hunting down."

"Let us see."

"He will never suspect that."

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"Well, that beats me," said the Yankee to his companion.

"Driggs, they are all alike. I can't tell."

"It's a big thing, by gosh. We were in big trouble getting picked up by this here flyin'-machine, other day," said Driggs. "But I am glad we have stretched hemp. The regulators meant to catch us."

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The air-vessel cruised about over the mountain mining regions, again for a couple of days, and then the course was set for Utah. The voyage was made in safety, and no adventure of importance transpired until the aerial vessel was passing over Salt Lake. The elevation of the atmosphere above the surface of the lake was scarcely a hundred feet, when, all at once, a strange howling sound came up from the waves. "Do lake an' shootin' up ter swallow us!" roared Pomp, falling on his knees at the door of the forward cabin, after obtaining a glimpse of the water. Only Beam and Driggs and assistant steersman Barney were on deck. Barney had temporarily relieved Blake. Beam and Driggs rushed to the rail and looked over.

What did they see?

CHAPTER XVIII.

A REMARKABLE PHENOMENON—A PLOT TO BLOW UP THE QUEEN CLIPPER.

The sight which Beam and Driggs beheld was remarkable, and for the space of a moment it seemed that Pomp's fears would be realized. Certain atmospheric phenomenon had caused a water-spool, to the lake. Barney crept up a couple of the lake's whisker, in a mighty column, in which torrent of water were sustained. The roar and hiss of the revolving mass suggested the idea that a terrible whirlwind was imprisoned in the hollow center of the great water-spout. The air was filled with mist and flying spray. At sea, as is well known, the water-spool is regarded as one of the greatest perils the navigator can encounter. On the Southern Pacific, where the water-spool is not a very rare occurrence at certain seasons, many vessels have been overwhelmed by the phenomenon. But the occurrence of a water-spool on Salt Lake was a most surprising incident.

However, the Queen Clipper escaped. It was not destined to destruction then, and the water-spool did not quite reach it. The spiral ascending of the atmosphere extended above the revolving column of water, and so lifted the air-ship upward. Frank Reade, Jr., appeared on deck almost as soon as the two strangers had discovered the cause of Pomp's alarm. The young inventor at once shouted orders to engineer Sands to turn on the electricity to the suspen-sory screens, and a safe elevation was quickly attained, for Sands promptly obeyed orders. Some time later, after he and Driggs had held a long private consultation, Beam wavered to the door of Frank Reade, Jr.'s cabin, to which the inventor had just retired. The expectant Yankee desperado had it in mind to make Frank Reade, Jr., a certain new proposition looking to the interests of himself and his companion.

Now, the young inventor carried a large sum of money in gold on board the air-ship, so that he could meet any expenses that might be incurred in the pursuit of an unlooked-for adventure or any other cause. The money was in a box under the floor of the young inventor's cabin. Frank meant to present it to the Barney, and make some needed purchases, and even after looking the door of his cabin, as he supposed, he pushed aside a movable board in the floor, and took out the box of money. Just then Beam reached the door. Frank did not hear him, but Beam caught the click of gold, as the inventor took some of the coin from the box.

The desperado tried the door silently, while his eyes gleamed with the light of avarice. The door yielded. Frank had not secured it as he thought. Beam pushed it aside an inch, and looked into the cabin. He saw the treasure Frank Reade, Jr., carried on board the air-ship. Then he noiselessly closed the door and followed the inventor.

"'Po' de Lawd! Ise gwine to hab blood!" roared Pomp, the enraged darky. Then he ran after Barney. A chase round and round the deck ensued. Barney had a stub of Irishman's pipe in his mouth. Coming in contact with the cannon, which had been left charged and primed, a spark from the Irishman's pipe fell on the priming. Instantly the cannon was discharged.

"Worra! Worra! He's killin' me! Arrest me!" Pomp taunted his exterminator. Sure he shot me with a forty-pound ball! yelled Barney. Barney had just passed the muzzle of the cannon when it was discharged. The ball sped by in such close proximity to the darky that its wind almost knocked him down. He taunted his exterminator as white as his dark, bristly complexity could turn. He was frightened as badly as Barney was, and he stood stock still for a long moment, while the wind on the top of his head howled on.

Then he roared: "Murder! Ise gwine ter sue yer for highway surbery! Dis yer am slander! Ob de fast deuce! Now Ise get yer, Irish, an' Ise gwine ter hab you!"

Barney had now regained his feet.
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CHAPTER XI.

SMITH BROWN OAINS TWO CONFEDERATES.—THE MAN'S Plotted Fugitive.

While Frank Reade, Jr., slept peacefully during that night fraught with the most terrible dangers from which he had saved himself, when he had discovered the perfidious Brown was aware.

The conspirator meant to secretly pay a visit to steersman Hall in the latter's prison in the hold of the Queen Clipper.

Sitting at leisure by his quarters, the matron professor was about to descend into the hold, when Frank Reade, Jr., suddenly ascended the companion-stairs.

Drawing silently back into the shadows east of the steersman, and without being discovered, until the man whom he had discovered came upon the deck.

Then he recognized Driggs.

The villian, just coming to join his confederate, was surprised by the sudden appearance of the fourth time in the ammunition-chamber, which he intended almost immediately to enter in the confinement of the Queen Clipper by a terrible explosion.

The running maniac immediately conjectured the fact of the coming, and added in the time of the interrupting

The fuses! My God, are we to be blown up with the airship! Quick! As you value your life don't descend to the hold! cried Reade in his supreme agony.

"No! I extinguished the fuse. There is no danger. Stand where you are, both of you, and listen to me. I shall not hesitate to use my weap-

The two villains might have wondered at this remark. They had not been so much in contact with any other man as to save the peril of the moment.

Hand over hand they ascended the cable, and presently they again stood upon the deck of the Queen Clipper of the Clouds, confronted by the muzzle of a revolver leveled at them by Smith Brown, who had discarded the hatchet to hold the reason.

"Let us go! Don't betray us to Frank Reade, my confederates, and increase the danger of the Queen Clipper by a terrible explosion."

"Yes, anything, only don't give us away," answered Smith Brown, who had, as he spoke, detached the bag containing Frank Reade, Jr.'s, gold on the deck at the feet of the maniac.

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The preceding genius behind the bar was a dandy dispenser of liquid hardware. His locks were oiled, his mustache waxed, and the size of a hen's egg adorned his shirt front.

Turning from a group of men at the lower end of the bar, he placed the poison named before Barney and Pomp, saying, and they helped themselves to their glasses.

The dose was repeated several times, while the of the vessel had noted his absence, since there had been no occasion for his services.

Frank Reade, Jr., made the purchase of a quantity of provisions and other supplies in the city, and while Frank and the doctor were busy giving their orders in a large grocery establishment Barney whispered to Pomp:

"Whist a bit, me gossoon. Leave us give Mother Frank the slip till we cut the dust out at the throats av' us wid a samuel Mormon red eye."

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Barney had taken a dislike to the two newcomers, who were standing outside the store. Barney was a brave and resourceful man, despite his handicap, and he had kept the mechanical eye on the lookout for any trouble.

"We're here to help," said Pomp, "and we've come to stay." Barney was not impressed, but he saw the potential in Pomp's words.

The next day, Barney and Pomp were called to the Mormon settlement, where they found a group of men in distress. The Mormons had been attacked by a gang of horsemen, and they needed help to defend themselves.

Barney and Pomp took up positions on the airship, ready to defend the settlement if necessary. The airship was a powerful weapon, and it was clear that the Mormons needed all the help they could get.

"You're coming with us," said Barney to Pomp, "and you'll help us defend the settlement." Pomp agreed, and the two men set about preparing for battle.

As they flew over the settlement, they saw a group of men gathering on the ground. It was clear that the Mormons were under attack.

"We'll get them," said Barney, "and we'll protect the settlement." Pomp nodded in agreement, and the two men set about preparing for battle.

The airship flew over the settlement, and Barney and Pomp...
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PART I

Frank Reade was hurried away by his captors to the airship in a few moments. His heart sank again upon arriving there and seeing Dr. Vanneyke and all the crew bound hand and foot in a line along the rail.

Ten Mormons were on board the Queen Clipper. "Now, then, show us the treasure," ordered the old elder, and Frank was marched on board the airship.

"If I must I must," groaned Frank, pretending to yield, but secretly low intent upon a most daring stratagem. He led the way down the companion-way. The old elder and four of the Mormons followed him.

Then of the enemy remained on deck and the others were all around the airship.

As Frank Reade, Jr., ascended the companion-way, the moon was momentarily obscured by a metal stair leading to the central cabin. Frank hollered to the others in the airship to return and follow him.

"What! you, I mean you," Frank cried, "see the treasure...."

"No, pane," replied one of the Mormons, "we will not enter the central cabin, for we have no orders to do so."

Frank, pretending to raise a pair of loaded revolvers belonging to one of the fallen Mormons, said, "If you dare to enter the central cabin, I will shoot you with my revolver, and if you dare to enter the central cabin, I will shoot you with my revolver."

Frank turned to connect a coil of wire with the wonderful battery, intending to wind it around the central cabin and then build a fire on the Mormon deck. In that case every one of them who stepped upon the stair would be shocked senseless.

But all at once Frank paused, astonished. "Surely I heard the whisper of the suspension helices!" he exclaimed.

There was no mistake. The suspension helices were really revolving like lightning, and the Queen Clipper began to ascend.

There was a speaking tube running down to the central cabin, and beginning to dance a reel,
Ireland for love! We hound the ship! Pomp, you are a black diamond."

Gollie! We're de busters ob de extractions Borer's went out. We fell in the white trash at last! cried Pomp.

As he spoke he drew his broadsword from his waist, and hurried to his boat, where his companion was. The companions, with a laugh, drew their cutlasses, and ran off, and the air-ship dashed up on it, coming from the adjacent timber, under cover of which they had made a close approach undetected.

Of course this was not understood by the young inventor and his friends that the telegram sent to the Mormon elder by his spy in Salt Lake City, warning of the coming of the air-ship, had caused the entire old racer to fall into the hands of the Apaches, nearly from sight.

While Dr. Vaneye and Frank Beade, Jr., were conversing, as the Queen Clipper soared away from the Mormons on the earth below, the former commented on the rich reward for such a discovery.

"Although the attack by the band from the infantry arsenal was a surprise of extreme notoriety. Every man did his best to defend the ship, and none fought more desperately than Zeke Beam and Ben Driggs, who proved themselves perfect marksmen, and so, were the only survivors, and just then the fellow who with the was within range or the Apaches. All

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Barney fell under the murderous blow which Almost the moment when the Queen. I'll I'll stop. But Frank. Barney. Pump. Pump had been trying for some time to pick on the leader of the redskins, at least the black hand shot had succeeded in so doing. Him! He's done it! Only a hand's target. I've gittin' my han' in it cried the alarmed days.

The death of the white renegade was a source of awful consternation for Zeke Beam and Driggs. They were resolute, and so were the Apaches fully shared the peril to which they had Driggs, we're essen! to settle this fight with us alive. But they're no Indians. BEEP, BEEP! We're in for it! It's death for all as well as the rest. Heavens! I never thought of this occurrence! Curse the nigger! His death-shot was the worst thing that could happen for us?

To think we've won out through all the foller says. But we'll fight like tigers, and throw off suspension. If any chances Frank, he should be a part of the affair with us alive.

I reckon I cracked the Irishman's skull. But suppose, Zeke, that he comes to and blows on us?

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The Queen was batteries! I'm ready to shoot.
Frank Reade, Jr., followed with an anxious glance the direction in which Sands pointed.

The young inventor then saw the troopers who had just broken out of a belt of timber. The cavalry same galloping down toward the fort at full speed, cheering as they came.

The troopers doned sabers glittering menacingly. They were coming on a charge, and the redskins, who had met these broomed knights of the plains in deadly combat before, knew what they had to expect.

Some hours later, owing to the high rate of speed that was maintained, the aeronef was over the snow-clad Rocky Mountains of the far northwest. The scene was a grand and impressive one as the Queen Clipper passed through a great defile, with the jagged, whitened peaks towering battlemented all about it.

They hesitated but for a moment, and then, having discharged a-porting volley at the Queen Clipper, they retracted in a southern direction, where dense low hills seemed to offer them a shelter where pursuit by the cavalry would be difficult.

The cavalry swept by the air-ship in pursuit of the Indians. But a division of the troopers halted at the fort. The garrison was working heroically to extinguish the flames, for there was an excellent well inside the stockade, which supplied plenty of water.

The cavalrymen, who halted at the fort, promptly seconded the efforts of the garrison to save the post.

The confederation was soon checked and finally extinguished.

Mountain, Frank Reade, Jr., and the doctor at once gave poor Barney their attention. The latter, assisted by Pomp, who seemed to feel great anxiety for his old friend and comrade.

Zoo Bean and Driggs assisted the garrison to their services, and assisted Frank and the doctor as well as they could, while the latter worked to revive Barney, who was lying in a swoon.

"Who could have struck the poor fellow down? It must have been the one who threw the mud helter-skelter into the air.

As soon as Barney could speak he asked:

"Whisky! A we drop at the creature."

He was given a big drop, and very soon when the dose had been repeated a couple of times Barney got on his feet again.

It was naturally somewhat dazed, but the moment his glance fell upon Frank and Driggs, he remembered he had followed them into the central cabin.

"What has happened, Master Frank?" asked Barney.

Frank explained,

"Arrah! Thin there were the two guard-mounts at the wall that threw the mule-herry out at the sentry and knocked the head off as me!" cried Barney, pointing at Beam and Driggs accusingly.

"It is false!"

"It's a lie!"

The accused men promptly denied their guilt in those forcible terms.

"Barney, I am sure you are in error. These men certainly would not be guilty of any motive in doing the air-ship, since they have so much more mercy by the poor redskins than ourselves. Besides, we have behaved nobly since the aeronef came to the earth. They helped fight off the Indians, and they saved my life. No, no, Barney, you are positive you have been in some way deceived," said Frank earnestly.

"Tell us why you accuse Beam and Driggs?" asked the doctor of Barney.

"Faith and I saw this sneak till the outer cabin, and I followed them. Thin the next thing I knew, hoggich, I didn't know where they could be."

"Ah, I see, Barney thought we went into the outer cabin, but we did not. I remember, however, that just before the air-ship sank Driggs and

The force of Apaches was so overwhelming that without his ardent assistance, the young inventor could scarcely hope to hold the savages at bay.

"Merciful Heaven, will the cavalry never come," cried Mr. Vaneck, as his glance swept the northward plains, vainly seeking to obtain a glimpse of the military.

The firing from the fort had almost ceased. While the main body from the assault on the post by the return of the air-ship a number of the Apaches succeeded in firing the fortresses.

Soon the garrison would be driven out of their arrow by consuming flames. Not only did the fate of the aeronef depend upon the arrival of the cavalry, but the salvation of the garrison rested upon the same chance.

Frank Reade, Jr., had a great deal of faith in the power of his new electric torpedoes, and now the time had come to test them.

The young inventor gave Pomp some hurried instructions, and then as the enemy surged upon the Queen Clipper, as though they meant to sweep everything before them, Frank and Pomp began to hurl the wonderful torpedoes.

Right among the howling mass of charging savages the young inventor and the devoted hero of the torpedoes.

The explosions that ensued were only to be compared with lightning in darkness. The destruction done was terrible, and the great Indian army wavered before it.

Not alone was the work of death effectual, but the manner of its accomplishment, that carried a sublime horror to the minds of the savages.

It seemed to them that they were waging a combat against mysterious and unknown forces, with whom was all the advantage.

Supernatural agency seemed to the savages to be employed against them, and to this supposition, as much as the actual execution done by the electric torpedoes, was the consternation manifested by the hosts due.

They wavered when the blast seared their heads, and almost reached.

"Water! Water! Pomper! Let's make the torpedoes cease in the water," urged Frank, seeing that the crisis had come.

Then, though all the speed possible, he and Pomp soon discovered the explosion on the redskins, and the thunder of the reports of the lighting cones blinded and deafened the terrorized savages, that sounded, like a grand volley from the artillery of the heavens.

Somehow the issue of the terrible conflict was yet in doubt when the voice of Chief Engineer Sands resounded along the tumultuous cheer:

"Hurrah! Hurrah! The cavalry! The cavalry! The cavalry!

The shouts were heard distinctly. He had discovered the reinforcements coming that day. It was almost the same approach of the thunder of the report of the lighting cones, and the thunder of the reports of the lighting cones第二次到}

With a roar, the two black-headed men of the Apaches, who had been a terror to the garrison, reared and rode furiously.

"I didn't much longer. Bad just broken the man's rest on the replied Frank.

"Lawd I'se a row, they will never know what the general escape was.

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I crossed from one side of the deck to the other, and passed directly by the door of the eastern cabin," said Beam. "There was no noise. The crew who had been below rushed on deck and shouted: "The light snow and rille Kamtschatka and draw them. He claims that the saving in trom the ern border of North America to the shores of the Queent Clipper REPAIRED-A woNDBRFUL

Barney and Pom p Kemp out to get a shot at the bear. Both fired at once. The bear was only wounded, and, with an enraged growl, he wheeled and charged upon the bear. The light snow and rille were too much and the bear stumbled and fell at the edge of an alp. Pomp pitched head first over his shoulder and Barney rushed after him. As they scrambled to get out of the reach of the bear, they slipped away from the edge of the precipice, and the bear came sliding after them.

CHAPTER XXVII.

THE BEAR SLAIN—SMITH BROWN SECURES ANOTHER.

Barney and Pom landed in a snow bank at the top of the cliff, but the bear was floundering about in the snow, Pom and Barney succeeded in scrambling out of the drift. They had fallen into a ravine that ran in a southerly direction, and as that was the course of the airship, the Irishman and the hound took their heels and ran down the defile at full speed.

The bear presently caught sight of them, and came in pursuit. But the hunters had obtained an excellent start, and they did not pause until they were out of reach, and a musket shot was heard in the woods. The great polar bear came down on top of the two hunters, and while the hound was floundering about in the snow, Pom and Barney succeeded in scrambling out of the drift.

It is a difficult matter to kill a polar bear with a rifle ball. The great beast's hide is exceedingly tough, and unless the dense fur and fat of its cover it is a further protection against the hunter. The polar bear and the harelike lead fore-shoulder are about the only surely vulnerable points in the animal. When Frank fired again, and the ferocious monstrosity Barney and Pomp ran forward, very careful at first to cut up the earth in its furious death thrice. It seemed to me the bear gave you and Pomp a lively race, " said Frank. "Our bear was the best. He gave the nagur a race, but not much."

How is that? I am sure you both put your life in danger, " said Dr. Van Kemp.

"Faith an' it was only the nagur that was running away from the bear. " What were you running for? I was trying to catch the nagur."

"Do the powers avert, devil a word a v lie is there in it at all, at all. As you was after tryin' to keep the nagur from makin' a coward av me, he was a frien' av mine. Faith an' what do you catch, that's the question."

"Nagur, don't you try to be funny wid me. The hound was tryin' to catch some, and to keep him till we kill the bear."

"I see," said Frank. "And I for the fore-shoulder, where a bullet has entered the hound, and the bear, and from the points that must be hit to slay a bear. They fired almost simultaneously. The result was just what they desired. The great white bear fell, and uttering terrible roars of victory, they stood their ground and took careful aim at the bear as he came into reach.

To cut up the earth in its furious death thrice.
Then he put his lips to the keyhole, and whispered:

"Hallo! Hallo!"

"Who is there?" demanded the captive.

"Hallo! Not so loud. I am Smith Brown. I come as a friend, and no one must know of my visit."

"What is your motive? Will you help me get away?" asked Hall.

"Yes," replied Smith Brown.

"Then welcome. A thousand times welcome." Smith Brown hastened to say. "I have skeleton keys with me. I will now and by reducing the number of those against us, I will make our victory more easy to work upon the superstitions of the crew and their belief in the supernatural, that I have some of them, at least, may be led to desert and so leave the Queen Clipper short-handed, and by reducing the number of those against us, we may make our victory more easy when we seize the ship," replied Smith Brown.

"What is it that you propose to do?"

The most of the work in this project will fall to you. You are to leap overboard and afterward your spirit is to haunt the ship, and warn the crew that certain destruction awaits them if they do not leave it."

"Are you mad?" demanded Hall, as he heard the astounding words which Smith Brown uttered in the most matter-of-fact way.

"Not at all. But you accepted my words too literally. I mean the crew are to believe you have leaped overboard and perished, while in truth you are still concealed on the Queen Clipper masquerading as a ghost."

"Oh, now I understand, and as it seems to me the project may serve the end we have in view, I am willing to play my part," said Hall.

"Then I will explain the case more explicitly," replied Smith Brown, and he went on so to do at some length.

Half an hour later the crazy professor left Hall and relocked the door of the prison-room as he had found it. The two men had come to a full understanding, and the development of a startling mystery would soon ensue.
BARNETT AND HALL: HALL'S THREAT—TOWED BY A}

HALL'S степени. As we have intimated, Barnet was not convinced that Bean and Ben Driggs were innocent of the assault upon himself and the injury done to Hap. The Irishman had always liked Hail, and he could not account for the threat. Talk that the young inventor had struck him down in the central cabin, or attempted to betray the vessel of the coasts into the Arctic fog. When the young inventor had struck him down in the central cabin, or attempted to betray the vessel of the coasts into the Arctic fog. When the young inventor had struck him down in the central cabin, or attempted to betray the vessel of the coasts into the Arctic fog. When the young inventor had struck him down in the central cabin, or attempted to betray the vessel of the coasts into the Arctic fog. When the young inventor had struck him down in the central cabin, or attempted to betray the vessel of the coasts into the Arctic fog. When the young inventor had struck him down in the central cabin, or attempted to betray the vessel of the coasts into the Arctic fog. When the young inventor had struck him down in the central cabin, or attempted to betray the vessel of the coasts into the Arctic fog. When the young inventor had struck him down in the central cabin, or attempted to betray the vessel of the coasts into the Arctic fog. When the young inventor had struck him down in the central cabin, or attempted to betray the vessel of the coasts into the Arctic fog.
The icebergs have drifted away from us.

The aeroplane sailed onward.

The electric light was still burning.
PART I.
FRANK READE, JR., AND HIS QUEEN CLIPPER OF THE CLOUDS.

"Glad to see you, my boy. Come in and take some refreshment.

"Frank returned Bancroft's cordial greeting and entered the hotel. After the officer had ascended the stairs, Frank lighted a cigar and sent for some liquid refreshment, and they conversed in an animated way.

"Frank wanted to know what Bancroft was doing out there in Dakota, and the officer explained:

"'The last is, I've just concluded a post-office department service, and I am under orders to proceed at once to 'No Man's Land,' and work among the band of counterfeeters, who are located in the 'neutral strip,' and who have been robbing the South-west with bogus eagle coin for some months now.'

"'You have a dangerous mission before you, I should say," remarked Frank.

"'Yes, that's quite true, but I have a very powerful motive in taking my life in my hand, as you may say, and venturing among the desperate counterfeiters, of No Man's Land.'

"'How so?'

"'Well, you see, the last service officer sent to No Man's Land in pursuit of the counterfeiters was my sworn comrade, Barton Kent, poor fellow. Nothing has been heard of him for months, and he must have been murdered by the counterfeiters, or else have made himself a prisoner. My desire to solve the mystery of Barton Kent's fate actuates me above all other considerations. I want to save or bring back alive the man I have been told is a captive, and whose death I have been told of.'

"'Your band on that, Bancroft. Why, Barton Kent was my old classmate at college, and we were as brothers. I'm with you in this hunt for the counterfeiters," cried Frank impulsively.

"'Go on! Excellent! Nothing could suit me better. With that wonderful air of yours, of which I have been so much in awe, I am confident we shall succeed,' replied Bancroft.

"Then he and Frank left the hotel company.

"The young inventor, with the purchases he had Visited the town, and, after an hour later, with Bancroft on board, the Queen Clipper was speeding southward, and the voyage to No Man's Land was well begun.

"The country is a strip of public land lying west of the Indian territory, north of Texas, east of New Mexico, and south of Kansas. It does not belong to any of the States or Territories, but is a reservation of the United States; hence its name "No Man's Land."

The Queen Clipper was over the city of Mexico. It was night and Frank turned on the electric light, and a diverging halo of brilliant light flashed downward upon the city.

Then he went on to describe the apparition.

"What a fool you are, Bancroft. Pegob, you reasoned it all," said Barney derisively.

"Does the mind of a man to mean any personal vexation, sir?" demanded Pomp.

"'Begob, an' you may understand that I don't mean to after all, yes a little, but be the powers av thy turf, the truth would come yet."

"'See here, Irish. Don't be a personal insult, sah. I disprov while ye, now, I am going to 'suit my wisney, sah,' and ye you may forget 'Sah, an' it a ruction ye are lengthin' for."

"Yes, sah. The insulted, sah, as de insulted part has de right to name de weepings ob wa, I am a-raslin' razors at thirty paces."

"Then, Pegob, you will wait many a long day until an Irishman follows like a quag. Sure, an' ye if you take a sprig av a stick, I'll get ye shil-""

"Get the stuff. I say I don't care if he stounds on that one statement, sah. But, back to business, Oh, Lord! I hear dat!"

Just then a most unearthly scream rang out on board the Queen Clipper.

Barney threw open the cabin door. The terror was in time to see the apparition, which had frightened Pegob, and vanished down the companion way.

"The terrible scream had emanated from the supposed "ghost," and the outcry had brought Chief Engineer Sands and Blake on deck in time to see the white robed form as it vanished.

"The saints preserve us. Woof! woof! Be the tail av Biddy Nolan's goat, it is a ghost! True for ye, Pegob, sure an' a colored gentleman, I always said ye were," cried Barney.

"Sands and Blake presently rushed to the companion way, but they saw nothing, but the sensible Pegob and Pomp came out of the forward cabin, and all hands were much alarmed and excited.

"The terrible scream ut- tered by the apparition peters to the cabin occupied by the young inventors, dei and Bancroft, the detective. They all came on deck in a moment. Bowd and Driggs also appeared there.

"The story of the apparition of the apparition was related to Frank by Engineer Sands. At first Frank was inclined to laugh at the whole affair, but there were so many witnesses of the appearance of the apparition, that he was inclined to the conclusion that the young inventor was dreaming.

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"Nothing more was seen of his ghostship that night, and at sunrise Frank took an observation, and then made a calculation, as he would have done if at sea.
CHAPTER XXXIII.
A DESPERATE BATTLE IN NO MAN'S LAND—IN AN ELECTRIC STORM.

BANCROFT immediately precipitated a roughly drawn map of the region, with all the last report over received from the poor fellow. You will see it covered with writing, telling about the trails and passes in the wild country, a large portion of which is unsettled. Here, also, among this range of hills Kent has written the following:

Bancroft paused with his finger on the map to point out the location indicated to Frank who was looking over the map with him.

Then he read what the missing secret service officer had written on the map, as follows:

"One mile due north of the entrance of the pass at which stands a blasted tree, beside a ruined desert log-cabin, will be found the semi-ending end of the pass. The map above the various across the face of the saddle at which the trail through the abruptly ends, the trail will be found again."

Frank hastened to get his telescope, and then laconically answered:

"That is the pass up the valley where we are, every man's guide." Bancroft immediately conveyed the plan to locate the instant he seized the levers of the forward two detectives to Denver and there left them.

Frank Reade and his man were taken completely by surprise as nothing was more unlooked-for than that sudden advent of the coiner of No Man's Land. The desperadoes charged for the bow of the vessel, and it seemed they were destined to gain a foothold on the deck.

Frank shouted to rally his men, and they sprang to their feet. The forward propeller extended several feet beyond the bow of the great vessel and was surrounded with four broad sweeps like those of a wind-mill, to give it its shape of three or four feet of the coiners. Bancroft had discovered its outlines from a cave, and had further explained that he had been captured by the coiner all the time he had been missing. The Queen Clipper was a searchlight and thereupon Bancroft had further explained that he had escaped from a cave which he was chained while the battles with the coiner was in progress. Then the serial craft went southward.

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