THE LONE WOLF

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SYNOPSIS.

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After stealing the Omber jewels and the Huysman war plans in London Michael Lanyard returns to Troyon's, a Paris inn, for the first time in many years because he thinks Roddy, a Scotland Yard man, is on his trail. Lanyard dresses and goes out, leaving Roddy snoring in the next room, then comes back stealthily to find in his room Mlle. Bannon. In the apartment near the Trocadero he finds an invitation from The Pack to the Lone Wolf to join them. Lanyard attempts to dispose of the Omber jewels but finds that The Pack has forbidden the buyers to deal with him. He meets The Pack, but refuses alliance with them. On his return to his room he is attacked in the dark, but knocks out his assailant. He discovers that Roddy has been murdered in his bed and starts to leave his room. In the corridor he encounters Lucia Bannon, who insists on leaving with him. Having "no money" Lucia is obliged to take refuge with Lanyard in the studio of an absent artist friend of his. He locks her in a room alone. After deep Lanyard finds his viewpoint changed. He tells Lucia who he is. Mutual confessions follow. She is Lucy Sannon, not Bannon, and has been used as a tool by Bannon, the crook. The American murderer of Roddy was Bannon's secretary. Lucy agrees to go with him to return the London loot. A newspaper wrapped in a brick is thrown through the skylight. The paper has an account of the total destruction by fire of Troyon's. They go to Mme. Omber's Paris residence, burglariously restore the jewels, then to the home of M. Ducroy, minister of war, to return the Huysman papers in return for safe conduct out of France. On coming out Lanyard finds Lucy gone. Lanyard turns taxi chauffeur.

CHAPTER XXIII—Continued.

There was sufficient light to enable him to see clearly the face of the passenger—its pale oval and the eyes whose gaze clung to his with an effect of confused fascination.

She sat quite motionless until one white-gloved hand moved uncertainly toward her bosom.

That brought him to; unconsciously lifting his cap, he stepped back a pace and started to move on.

But at that she bent quickly forward and unlatched the door. It swung wide to him.

Hardly knowing what he was doing, he accepted the mute invitation, stepped into the cab, took the empty seat beside her, and closed the door.

Almost at once the block was freed, and the car moved on with a jerk, the girl sinking back into her corner with a suggestion of breathlessness, as though the effort she made to seem composed had been almost too much for her strength.

Her face, turned to Lanyard in the half-light, appeared immobile, expressionless; only her eyes were alert with anticipation. But she said nothing.

On his part, Lanyard felt himself hopelessly confounded. In the grasp of emotions that would scarcely suffer him to speak. A great wonder obsessed his mind that she should have opened the door to him no less than that he should have entered through it. Dimly he understood that both had acted without premeditation, and he asked himself: "Was she already regretting that momentary weakness—or whatever it had been?"

"Why did you do that?" he heard himself demand abruptly, and felt that his voice sounded harsh, strained, unnatural.

She stiffened slightly, with a nervous movement of her shoulders.

"Because I saw you."

"Did you want to talk to me, perhaps?" he prompted.

"I was surprised; I had hoped—believed—you had left Paris."

She surveyed his costume with a curious glance, perplexed.

"Why are you dressed that way? Is it a disguise?"

"A pretty good one—as a matter of fact, the national costume of one in my present station in life."

"But you are wrong. I recognized you instantly, didn't I? And those others—they're as keen-witted as I—certainly! Oh, you should not have stopped in Paris!"

"I couldn't go without knowing what had become of you."

"I was afraid of that," she confessed. "Then why—?"

"Oh, I know what you're going to say! Why did I run away from you?" Then, since he said nothing, she continued unhappily: "I can't tell you, I mean, I don't know how to tell you."

She kept her face averted, sat gazing blankly out of the window; but when he remained mute and unresponsive—in point of fact not knowing what to say—she turned to look inquiringly at him, and, in the glare of a passing lamp showed him her countenance profoundly distressed, her mouth tense, brows knitted, eyes clouded with perplexity and appeal.

And of a sudden, seeing her so tormented and so piteous, his indignation ebbed, and with it all the doubts of her; dimly he divined that there was something behind this dark fabric of mystery and inconsistency that, however inexplicable it might seem to him, excused all her apparent fathlessness and instability of character and purpose. He couldn't look upon this girl and listen to her voice and believe that she wasn't at heart as sound and sweet and tender and loyal as any that ever breathed!

A wave of tenderness and compassion swept his heart, and he realized that he didn't matter; that nothing mattered so long as she was spared one slightest pang of self-reproach.

He said very gently: "I wouldn't have you distress yourself on my account, Miss Shannon. I quite understand there must be things I can't understand—that you must have had your reasons for acting as you did."

"Yes," she said evenly, but again with eyes averted—"I had; but they're not easy, they're impossible to explain to you."

"Yet—when all's said and done—I've no right to exact any explanation."

"Ah, but how can you say that, remembering what we've been through together?"

"You owe me nothing," he insisted, "whereas I owe you everything, even my self-respect and faith. Even though I fail, I have this to thank you for—this one not ignoble impulse my life has known."

"You mustn't say that; you mustn't think it. I don't deserve it. You wouldn't say it—if you knew—"

"Perhaps I can guess enough to satisfy myself."

She gave him a swift, sidelong look of challenge, instinctively on the defensive.

"Why," she almost gasped, "what do you think—?"

"Does it matter what I think?"

"It does, to me. I wish to know!"

"Well," he conceded reluctantly, "I think that, when you had a chance to think things over calmly, while you waited for me there in the garden, you decided it would be better to—to use your best judgment and—extricate yourself from an embarrassing entanglement—"

"But you were wrong!" she protested vehemently—"quite, quite wrong! I ran away from myself—not from you—and with another motive, too—one that I can't explain."

"You ran away from yourself—not from me?" he repeated, puzzled.

"Don't you understand? Why make it so hard for me? Why make me say outright what pains me so?"

"Oh, I beg of you—"

"But if you won't understand otherwise—I must tell you, I suppose." She checked herself, breathless, flushed, and trembling. "You remember our talk after dinner that night—how I asked you, what if you were to find out you'd been mistaken in me, that I had deceived you; and how I told you it would be impossible for me ever to marry you?"

"I remember," he assented gravely.

"It was because of that," she said. "I ran away; because I hadn't been talking idly when I said what I did; because you were mistaken in me, because I was deceiving you, because I could never marry you, and because—suddenly—I came to know that. If I didn't leave you then and there, I might never find the strength to leave you, and only greater suffering and unhappiness could come of it. I had to go, as much for your sake as for mine."

"You mean me to understand that you found you were beginning to—to care a little for me?"

She made an effort to speak, but in the end answered him only with a dumb inclination of her head.

"And you ran away, then, because love wasn't possible between us?"

Again, silently, she bowed her head.

"Because I had been a criminal, I presume?"

"You've no right to say that—"

"What else can I think? You tell me you were afraid I might induce you to become my wife—something which, for some incomprehensible reason, you claim is impossible. What other explanation can I infer? What other explanation is needed? It's ample, it covers everything, and I've no warrant to complain—God knows!"

"But!—" she began, when he cut her short.

"There's one thing I don't understand at all!" he protested. "If that were so, if it was your repugnance for criminal association—why did you go back to Bannon?"

She started and glanced at him furtively, a frightened glance.

"You knew that?"

"I saw you—last night—followed you from Viel's to the Elysee Palace hotel."

"And you thought," she flashed in a vibrant voice—"you thought I was in such company of my own choice!"

"You didn't seem altogether downcast," he countered. "Do you wish me to understand he had recaptured you—that you were with him against your will?"

"No," she said slowly. "No; I returned to him voluntarily, knowing perfectly what I was about."

"Through fear of him—"

"No. I can't claim that."

"Rather than me—"

"You'll never understand," she told him a little wearily. "It was a matter of duty. I had to go back—I had to!"

Her voice trailed off brokenly into a little sob. But as, moved beyond his strength to resist, Lanyard put forth a hand to take the white-gloved one resting on the cushion beside her, she withdrew it with a swift gesture of denial.

"No!" she cried. "Please! You mustn't do that. You only make it harder."

"But you love me!"

"I can't. It's impossible. I would, but may not!"

"Why?"

"I can't tell you."

"If you love me, you must tell me."

She was silent, the white hands working nervously with her handkerchief.

"Lucy!" he insisted—"you must say what stands between you and my love. It's true, I have no right to ask, as I had no right to speak to you of love. But when we have said what we have said—we can't stop there. You will tell me, dear?"

She shook her head. "It—it's impossible," she declared in a choking voice.

"You leave me no alternative," he said in a voice he hardly knew for his own, so dull and hollow was it in his hearing—"I can only think one thing."

"Think what you must," she said listlessly; "it doesn't matter, so long as you renounce me and put me out of your heart and leave me."

Without other response he leaned forward and tapped the glass, signaling the driver to stop. And as the cab swerved sharply in toward the curb he laid hold of the door-latch.

"Lucy," he pleaded, "don't let me go believing—"

She seemed suddenly infused with a cold, implacable hostility.

"I tell you," she said cruelly, "I don't care what you think, so long as you go!"

The face she now showed him was ashen, its mouth was hard, her eyes blazed feverishly.

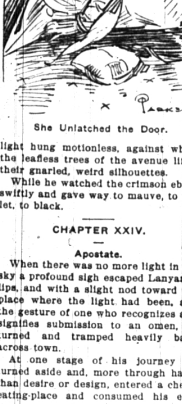
And then, as still he hesitated, the cab pulled up, and the driver, leaning back, unlatched the door and threw it open.

With a curt, resigned inclination of the head Lanyard rose and got out.

Immediately the girl grasped the speaking-tube, the door slammed, the cab drew away, and left him standing with the pose, the gesture of one who has just heard sentence of death pronounced on him.

When he roused to know his surroundings he found himself standing on a corner of the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne.

It was bitter cold in the wind sweeping down from the west, and it had grown very dark. Only in the sky above the Bois a long reef of crimson



She Unlatched the Door.

light hung motionless, against which the leafless trees of the avenue lifted their gnarled, weird silhouettes.

While he watched the crimson ebbed swiftly and gave way to mauve, to violet, to black.

CHAPTER XXIV.

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Apostate.

When there was no more light in the sky a profound sigh escaped Lanyard's lips, and with a slight nod toward the place where the light had been, and the gesture of one who recognizes and signifies submission to an omen, he turned and tramped heavily back across town.

At one stage of his journey he turned aside and, more through habit than desire or design, entered a cheap eating-place and consumed his evening meal without the slightest comprehension of what he ate or whether the food were good or poor.

When he had finished he fled the place like a haunted man.

Quite without purpose he sought the machine shop where he had left his car.

He had no plans; but it was in his mind, a murderous thought, that before another day dawned he might come face to face with Bannon.

Meanwhile he would go to work. He could think out his problems while driving his cab as well as in seclusion; and whatever he ultimately decided to do, he could accomplish little before midnight; finally, it was quite within the bounds of possibility that his car would prove a valuable asset to whatever course of action he might elect to pursue.

Toward seven o'clock, with his machine in perfect running order, he mounted to the seat and took to the streets in reckless humor—the temper of a beast of prey.

The barrier was down—once more the Lone Wolf was on the prowl.

But for the present he controlled himself and acted perfectly his temporary role of taxi-bandit, fellow to those thousands that infest Paris. People hailed him from sidewalks and restaurants half a dozen times in the course of the next three hours; he took them up, carried them to their several destinations, received payment, and acknowledged their gratuities with perfunctory thanks—all thoroughly in character and all with little conscious effort.

He saw but one thing, the face of Lucy Shannon, white, tense, glimmering wanly in shadows—the face with which she had dismissed him.

He had but one thought—the desire to read the riddle of her bondage. To accomplish this he was prepared to go to any extreme; if Bannon and his purpose, so much the worse for them—and, incidentally, so much the better for society! What might happen to himself was of no moment.

He entertained but one design, to become again what he had been, the supreme adventurer, the prince of plunderers, to lose himself once more in the suspense of adventurous days and the delirium of peril-haunted nights, to reincarnate the Lone Wolf and in his guise loot the world anew—to court oblivion even at the prison's gates.

It was after ten when, cruising purposelessly, without a fare, he swung through the Rue Auber into the Place de l'Opera, and approaching the Cafe de la Paix, was hailed by a doorboy of that restaurant.

Drawing in to the curb with the indifference that had distinguished his every action of the evening, he waited with a throbbing motor and mind detached and gaze remote from the tides of foot and wheeled traffic brawling past on either hand,

After a moment two figures, both masculine, issued from the revolving door of the cafe and approached the cab. Lanyard paid them no attention. In his preoccupation he would have needed only the repetition of an address in his ear and the noise of the cab door slammed to send him off like a shot.

But he received no such order; there was a pause; then he heard one of the men cough heavily, and in a twinkling Lanyard had stiffened to rigidity in his seat. If he had heard that cough but once before, that once had been too often. Without a glance askance, hardening his features to absolute immobility, he knew that the cough was shaking the slighter of those two figures.

And of a sudden he was acutely conscious of the clearness of the frosty atmosphere, of the merciless glare of electricity beating upon him from every side. And poignantly he regretted neglecting to mask himself with his goggles.

He wasn't left long in suspense. The coughing died away by spasms, followed by the unmistakably sonorous accents of Bannon's voice.

"Well, dear boy! I have to thank you for an excellent dinner and a most interesting evening. Pity to break it up so early. Still, business—you know! Sorry you're not going my way—but that's a good-looking taxi you've drawn. What's its number—eh?"

"Haven't the faintest notion," a British voice drawled in response. "Never bother about a taxi's number until it has run over me."

"Great mistake," Bannon rejoined cheerfully. "Always take your taxi's number before entering. Then, if anything happens— However, that's a good-looking chap at the wheel—doesn't look as if he'd run you into any trouble."

"Oh, I fancy not," said the Englishman, bored.

"Still, you never can tell. There's the number on the lamp. Make a note of it and be on the safe side. Or trust me—I never forget numbers!"

With this speech Bannon ranged alongside Lanyard and looked him over, keenly malicious enjoyment gleaming in his evil old eyes.

"You are an honest-looking chap," he commended with a suspicion of a mocking smile, but in a tone of the most inoffensive admiration—"honest and—ah—what shall I say?—what's the word we're all using nowadays?—efficient! Honest and efficient-looking, capable of better things, or I'm no judge of character an old man's candor, my friend—and take good care of our British cousin here. He doesn't know his way around Paris very well. Still I feel confident he'll come to no harm in your company. Here's a franc for you."

With matchless effrontery he produced a coin from the change pocket of his fur-lined coat and offered it to Lanyard.

Unhesitatingly, permitting no expression to color his features, Lanyard extended his palm, received the coin, dropped it into his own pocket, and carried two fingers to the vizor of his cap.

"Merci, monsieur," he said evenly.

"Ah, that's the right spirit!" the deep voice jeered. "Never be above your station, my man—never hesitate to take a tip! Here, I'll give you another, gratis—get out of this business; you're too good for it. Don't ask me how I know; I can tell by your face. Hello! Why, you're turning down the flag? You haven't started yet!"

"Conversation goes up on the clock," Lanyard replied stolidly in French. He turned and faced Bannon squarely, loosing a glance of venomous hatred into the other's eyes. "The longer I have to stop here listening to your senile monologue," he added with unmistakable meaning, "the more you'll have to pay. What address, please?" he added, turning back to get a glimpse of his passenger.

"Hotel Astoria," the porter supplied.

"Very good."

The porter closed the door.

"But remember my advice," Bannon counseled coolly, stepping back and waving his hand to the man in the cab. "Good night."

Without noticing him further, Lanyard took his car smartly away from the curb, wheeled round the corner into the Boulevard des Capucines, and made toward the Rue Royale.

CHAPTER XXV.

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A Surprise.

He had gone but a block when the window at his back was lowered and his fare observed pleasantly:

"That you, Lanyard?"

The adventurer hesitated an instant; then, without looking round, responded:

"Werthelmer, eh?"

"Right-o! The old man had me puzzled for a minute with his silly chaffing. Stupid of me, too, because we'd just been talking about you."

"Had you, though?"

"Rather. Hadn't you better take me where we can have a quiet little talk?"

"I'm not conscious of the necessity—"

"Oh, I say!" Werthelmer protested amiably. "Don't be so rotten shirty old top. Give a chap a chance. Besides, I received today a bit of news from Antwerp I guarantee will interest you."

"Antwerp?" Lanyard repeated, mystified.

"Antwerp—where the ships sail from," Werthelmer laughed—"not Amsterdam, where the diamonds foregather, as you may know."

"I don't follow you, I'm afraid."

"I shan't elucidate until we're under cover."

With brief hesitation Lanyard said more placably: "All right. But where shall I take you?"

"Any quiet cafe will do. You can readily find one—"

"Thank you," Lanyard objected drylY. "If I must confabulate with gentlemen of your kidney, I prefer to do it under cover. Even dressed as I am, I might be recognized, you know."

But it was evident that Werthelmer didn't mean to permit himself to be ruffled.

"Then will my modest diggings suit you?" he suggested pleasantly. "I've taken a suite in the Rue Vernet, just back of the Hotel Astoria, where we can be as private as you please. That is, if you've no objection."

"None whatever."

Werthelmer gave him the number and replaced the window.

His rooms in the Rue Vernet proved to be a small ground-floor apartment with private entrance to the street.

"Took the tip from you," he told Lanyard, as he unlocked the door. "I dare say you'd be glad to get back to that little rez-de-chaussee of yours in the Rue Regent. Ripping place, that. By the way, judging from your apparently robust state of health, you haven't been trying to find me lately, of late."

"Indeed?"

"Indeed yes, monsieur! If I may presume to interfere—I'd pull wide of the Rue Royale for a while—for as long, at least, as you remain in your present intractable temper."

"I fancy you're right," Lanyard said carelessly, following, as Werthelmer turned up the lights, into a modest salon, cozily furnished. "You live here alone, I understand?"

"Quite—make yourself perfectly at ease; nobody can hear us. And," the Englishman added with a laugh, "do sit down—take that chair there, which commands both doors, if you don't trust me."

"Do you think I ought to?"

"Hardly. Otherwise I'd ask you to take my word that you're safe for the time being. As it is, I shan't be offended if you keep your gun handy and your sense of self-preservation running under forced draft. But you won't refuse to join me in a whisky-and-soda?"

"No," said Lanyard slowly—"not if we drink from the same bottle."

Again the Englishman laughed unaffectedly as, turning to a side-table, he fetched a decanter, glasses, bottled soda, a box of cigarettes, and placed them on a stand within Lanyard's reach.

With all the ease and courtesy of a practiced host he measured whisky into Lanyard's glass till checked by a quiet "Thank you," and helping himself generously, opened the soda.

"Till not ask you to drink with me," he said with a wrinkle, "but—chin-chin!" and tilting his glass, half emptied it at a draft.

Muttering formally, at a disadvantage and resenting it, Lanyard drank with less enthusiasm, if without misgivings.

Werthelmer selected a cigarette and lighted it at leisure.

"Well," he said, smiling through a cloud of smoke, "I think we're fairly on our way to an understanding, considering that you told me to go to—to hell when last we met!"

His spirit was irresistible. In spite of himself Lanyard returned the smile. "I never knew a man to take it with better grace," he said, lighting his own cigarette.

"Resent it! I liked it—you gave us precisely what we asked for."

"Then," demanded Lanyard gravely, "if that's your viewpoint, if you're decent enough to see it that way—what the devil are you doing in that galley?"

"Mischief makes strange bedfellows, you'll admit. And if you think that's a fair question, what are you doing here, with me?"

"Same excuse as in the other instance—trying to find out what your game is."

Werthelmer chuckled and eyed the ceiling with an intimate grin. "My dear fellow," he protested—"all you want to know is everything!"

"More or less," Lanyard admitted gracelessly. "One infers you contemplate stopping this side of the channel for some time."

"Meaning your impression is I made it too hot for me?" Werthelmer interpreted with a quizzical glance. "I shan't tell about that. But I'm hoping to be able to run home for an occasional week-end without stirring up trouble. Why not go along with me some time?"

Lanyard shook his head.

"Come!" the Englishman rallied him. "Don't put on so much side. I'm not bad company. Why not be sociable, since we're bound to be thrown together more or less in the way of business?"

"Oh, I think not."

"But, my dear chap, you can't go on this way. Playing Parisian taxi-bandit is hardly your shop. And, of course, you understand you won't be permitted to engage in any more remunerative pursuit until you make terms with the powers that be—or leave Paris."

"Mr. Werthelmer," Lanyard informed him quietly, "none of you will stop me, if ever I make up my mind to take the field again."

"You haven't been thinking of quitting it—what?" Werthelmer demanded innocently, opening his eyes wide.

"Well, what do you think?"

"I think," the Englishman laughed—"I think this conference doesn't get anywhere in particular. Our simple, trusting natures don't seem to fraternize as spontaneously as they might. We may as well cut the sparring and get down to business—don't you think? But before we do, I'd like permission to offer one word of friendly advice."

"And that is—"

"Ware Bannon!"

Lanyard nodded. "Thanks," he said.

"I say that in all earnestness," Werthelmer declared. "God knows you're nothing to me, but at least you've played the game like a man; and I won't see you butchered to make an Apache holiday for want of warning."

"Please stop there!" Lanyard interrupted hotly. "I was beginning to like you, too. But you persist in reminding me you're hand and glove with the brute who had Roddy slaughtered in his sleep."

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"Here's a Franc for You."

The City of Alexander the Great

Alexander the Great, like an erratic meteor, flashed across the drowse of civilization-weary Egypt; and, perhaps, as a memorial of his deification in the land of the Pharaohs, he left behind him the beginning of a vigorous Greek city, Alexandria, destined to be the gateway for a flow of western rejuvenation to the worn valley, and today, with Constantinople and a few other places, one of the greatest prizes for the contesting army millions in the East, begins a bulletin just prepared by the National Geographic society. Alexander built his city in 332 B. C., upon the ruins of an Egyptian town, Rhacotis. After more than 2,000 years, Alexandria has become the life of Egypt, its largest port, one of the busiest ports on the Mediterranean, and an important world city.

The modern city is divided into two parts, one of which, inhabited by Mohammedans, is a listless tangle of oriental narrow, crooked streets, of uninviting buildings, while the other, the European quarter, is solidly built and possesses many of the essential conveniences of the American or European metropolis. It occupies a ridge of land between the Mediterranean and Lake Maeotis. The Rosetta mouth of the Nile lies more than 20 miles to the east. Cairo, the interior metropolis, lies 129 miles by rail to the southeast, and the Suez canal is more than 141 miles to the east. The city is linked by a network of railway and telegraph lines to the other towns of Egypt, and is in telephonic connection with Cairo.

Alexandria is the counting-house and the commission office of the Nile valley. The British chamber of commerce has its headquarters there, and there, too, are located the head offices of many of the largest commercial organizations doing business in the near East. The value of the city's trade, in normal times, is about $240,000,000 a year. The western harbor, designed for a modern, first-rank commerce, is visited annually by 3,000 vessels. The chief articles of export are grain, cotton, beans, sugar and rice, and the business is largely in the hands of Europeans, of whom there are 50,000 in the total population of 400,000. The city is connected by cable lines with Cyprus, Malta, Crete and Port Said. One of the interesting phases of Alexandria's commerce is that it sends 80,000,000 eggs each year to London, where these products retail as fancy fresh eggs. This large yearly turnover gives Egypt an intimate relationship with the Englishman's breakfast table.

Dinocrates of Rhodes, architect and friend to the famous Macedonian, laid out Alexandria. He planned the city as an affair of right angles and sharp corners, including the whole in a parallelogram quadrisected by two main thoroughfares. This regularity of city plan that Dinocrates developed was the beginning of the school of gridiron city building, of the impersonal, strictly business city only now waning in popularity.

The exotic Grecian city was a battleground from the start. The East and the West met and fought out their differences to a finish there. Greek learning and Greek philosophy found refuge in Alexandria, and there amalgamated, and finally blended with the philosophies of the East. Christianity and Paganism fought some of their bitter battles there, and the Jews, the Christians, the Pantheists and the philosophers fomented many bloody riots, in which the fickle, violent, loot-hungry Alexandrian mob raged in unforgettable religious tumults. In one such tumult the most passingly beautiful pagan priestess, Hypatia, was torn to pieces to glut a brutish populace.

The famous Alexandrian library was the bridge between the culture of classic Greece and the cultural needs of early Christian and Mohammedan Europe. Much of its treasures filtered through to the Moors and to the Christians through the scholarship of Rome. The library was destroyed in the war fever, which followed the rise of the religion from the desert, and the burning of the great book treasury has been keenly deplored by scholars of each generation succeeding.

In the latter years of the eighteenth century the city was held by the French. It had sunk to the status of a small village under centuries of Mohammedan misrule, having a population of less than 4,000. Under Mohammed Ali, the wise and cunning Albanian, it regained much of its prosperity. English control of the city's as well as Egypt's welfare, dates from 1882, since which date a new city has been developed, and one that bears a greater degree of relationship to the West than to the East.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Live Stock.

DETROIT—Cattle: Receipts 2,197. Best heavy steers, $8.50@9; best handy weight butcher steers, $7.50@8.25; mixed steers and heifers, $7.25@8; handy light butchers, $7.25@7.50; light butchers, $6@7.25; best cows, $6@7; butcher cows, $5@6; common cows, $4.50@5; canners, $3.50@4.25; best heavy bulls, $7; bologna bulls, $6@6.50; stock bulls, $5.50@6; feeders, $7.50@8; stockers, $6.50@7.50; milkers and springers, $40@80.

Calves—Receipts, 1,697. Best grades went at $9.75@10, and common and heavy grades $6@9.

Sheep and Lamb—Receipts, 2,735. Best lambs, $9.25@9.50; fair lambs, $7@7.50; light to common lambs, $7@7.50; yearlings, $8@8.50; fair to good sheep, $6.50@7; culls and common, $4.50@5.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,233. Yorkers and mixed selling at $9.30@9.55, with bulk of sales for the good ones at $9.50; pigs brought $8.50@8.90.

Those thousand head of cattle, 130 lambs; heavy grades 15c lower; butchers' steady to 10c higher; choice to prime native steers, $9.50@9.75; good to choice, $9@9.25; fair to good, $8.75@9; Canadian steers, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., $8.52@8.75; do 1,250 to 1,350 lbs., $8.50@8.75; yearlings, dry-fed, $9@9.50; best handy steers, $8.50@8.75; light butcher steers, $8@8.25; good butcher steers and heifers, $8@8.25; steers and heifers, fair to good, $7.25@7.75; prime fat heifers, $8.25@8.50; western light common heifers, $6.50@7; best fat cows, $7@7.50; butcher cows, $6.25@6.75; cutters, $4.50@5; canners, $3.50@4; fancy bulls, 7.50@7.75; butchers' bulls, $6.75@7.25; light bulls, $5.50@6; good stockers, $7@7.50; light common stockers, $6@6.50; feeders best, $7.50@7.75; milkers and springers, $60@90.

Hogs—Receipts, 90 cars; market 5@10c higher; heavy, $10.15@10.25; yorkers, $10@10.50; pigs, $9@9.25; roughs, $9.10@9.25.

Sheep and lambs: Receipts, 65 cars; market 15@35c lower; top lambs, $10.15@10.35; yearlings, $8.25@8.50; wethers, $7.75@8; ewes, $7@7.50.

Calves: Receipts, 1,500 head; market slow; tops, $10; fair to good, $8.50@9.50; fed calves, $4.50@5.

Grain, Etc.

DETROIT—Wheat, Cash No 2 red, $1.19; May opened without change at $1.18 1-2 and advanced to $1.19 1-2; July opened at $1.18 1-2 and advanced to $1.19 1-2; No 1 white, $1.14.

Corn—Cash No 3, 75 1-2c; No 3 yellow, 78c; No 4 yellow, 75 1-2@77c.

Oats—Standard, 47 3-4c; No 3 white 46 3-4c; No 4 white, 43 1-2@45 1-2c.

Rye—Cash No 2 94 1-2c.

Beans—Immediate, prompt and April shipment, $3.65; May, $3.70.

Seeds—Prime red clover, $9.75; prime alsike, $9.35; prime timothy, $3.60.

Hay—No 1 timothy, $19.50@20; standard timothy, $18.50@19; light mixed, $18.50@19; No 2 timothy, $16@17; No 1 mixed, $15@15.50; No 2 mixed, $11@13; No 1 clover, $12@13; rye straw, $7.50@8; wheat and oat straw, $6.50@7 per ton in carlots, Detroit.

Flour—In one-eighth paper sacks, per 196 lbs, jobing lots: First patent, $6.50; second patent, $6.20; straight, $5.90; spring patent, $6.80; rye flour, $6 per bbl.

Feed—In 100-lb sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, $24; standard middlings, $25; fine middlings $30; coarse cornmeal $30; cracked corn $31.50; corn and oat chop, $28 per ton.

General Markets.

Grape Fruit—$2.75@3.50 per case.

Pineapples—Florida, $6.50@7 per case.

Cocoanuts—$7.50 per sack and 90c @$1 per doz.

*Strawberries—Louisiana, $7@3.25 per 14-pt case; Florida, 28@30c per qt.

Apples—Greenings, $3@3.75; Spy, $3.50@4; Baldwins, $3@3.50; Steele Reds, $4@4.50 per bbl; western, $1.75@2 per box.

Mushrooms—40@45c per lb.

Cabbage—$1.75@2 per bbl; new, $2.75@3 per cwt.

Sweet Potatoes—Jersey, kiln-dried, $1.20@1.35 per crate.

Celery—Florida, $2.50@2.75 per crate and 75c@$1 per doz.

Maple Sugar—New, 15@16c per lb; syrup, $1@1.10 per gal.

Tomatoes—Hothouse, 25@28c per lb; Florida, $2.75@3 per crate.

Lettuce—Hothouse, 13@14c per lb; head lettuce, $3@3.25 per hamper.

Onions—Spanish, $2.50 per crate; 85c@$1 for white and 90@95c for red per bu.

Dressed Calves—Best, 14@14 1-2c; choice, 13@13 1-2c; ordinary, 11@12c per lb.

Honey—Choice to fancy new white comb, 15@17c; amber, 10@11c; extracted, 9@10c per lb.

Tallow—No 1, 8c; No 2, 7c per lb.

Onions—No 1 yellow, $2.50 per 100-lb sack; Texas Bermuda $1.75 for yellow and $2@2.25 for white per crate.

Nuts—Spanish chestnuts, 10c per lb; shellbarks fancy, $1.50; large hickory, $1.25 per bu; walnuts, $1.25 per bu.

Live Poultry—No 1 spring chickens, 19@20c; medium spring chickens, 19@20c; heavy hens, 21@22c; medium hens, 19@20c; ducks, 21@22c; geese, 16@17c; turkeys, 24@25c per lb.

Asparagus—35@40c per lb; Illinois section, $3.25@3.50 per box.

Hides—No 1 cured, 17c; No 1 green, 15c; No 1 cured bulls, 13c; No 1 green bulls, 10c; No 1 cured veal kip, 20c; No 1 green veal kip, 19c; No 1 cured murrain, 15c; No 1 green murrain, 15c; No 1 cured calf, 26c; No 1 green calf, 24c; No 1 horsehides, $4.50; No 2 horsehides, $3.50; No 2 hides 1c and No 2 kip and calf 1 1-2c lower than the above; sheepskins, as to amount of wool, 50@$2.