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The Midnight Guest

By FRED M. WHITE or of "The Crimson Blind," "The Corn on Rouse !!-

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Venables smiled grimly. "You would not have allowed your friendship for this man Silva—"

"Friendship!" Stevens said contemptuously. "What is friendship where money is concerned? And, after all, Silva was no real pal of mine. Precious little use he was to me."

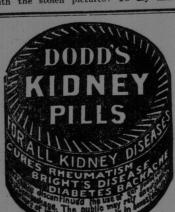
"Oh, you'll find us useful enough if you play your cards correctly," Venables said. "We happen to know that you are on good terms with this man Valdo, or Silva, whatever you call him. In fact, we know that he gave you money to-night. You are quite astute enough to see how much better it will pay you to be on our side. Therefore, you will see the advantage of saying nothing to this Italian about our visit here to-night. Here is a five-pound note to go on with, and if I want you again, as is exceedingly probable, I will write to you and tell you where to meet me. I don't think we need detain you any more at present."

"Then you don't want to know anything about Fitzjohn Square?" Stevens asked. "I can tell you a thing or two."

"I think that will keep for the present, said Lance. "Good-night, and remember that silence is your policy."

Stevens grinned and nodded as he tucked the five-pound note into his waist-coat pocket. His recent visitors went off together in the direction of Venables' rooms.

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