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(Illustrated by F. D. Steele.) I could not have believed that an Looking back, the huge house was one blaze of light. The front door was open, and figures were rushing down the drive. The whole garden was alive with people, and one fellow raised a view halloo as we emerged from the veranda and followed hard at our heels. perfectly, and he threaded his way swiftly among a plantation of small trees, I close at his heels and our our path, but he sprang to the top and over. As I did the same I felt the hand

> Holmes had me on my feet in an instant, and together we dashed away across the huge expanse of Hampstead beath. We had run two miles, I sup pose, before Holmes at last haited and listened intently. All was absolute si-lence behind us. We had shaken off our pursuers and were safe. We had breakfasted and were smoking our morning pipe on the day after

of the man behind me grab at my an

bled over a grass s rewn coping. I fell upon my face among some bushes, but

pressive, was ushered into our modest sitting room. "Good morning Mr. Holmes," said ! he; "good morning. May I ask if you ; are very busy just now?"

"Not too busy to listen to you." "I thought that perhaps if you had nothing particular on hand you might care to assist us in a most remarkable case which occurred only last night at

Hampstead.' "Dear me!" said Holmes. "What was

"A murder-a most dramatic and re-markable murder. I know how keen you are upon these things, and I would take it as a great favor if you would step down to Appledore Towers and give us the benefit of your advice. It is no ordinary crime. We have had our eyes upon this Mr. Milverton for some time, and, between ourselves, he was a bit of a villain. He is known to have held papers which he used for blackmailing purposes. These papers have all been burned by the murderers No article of value was taken, as it'is probable that the criminals we of good position whose sole object was to prevent social exposure."

"Criminals?" said Holmes, "Plural?".
"Yes, there were two of them, They were as nearly as possible captured red handed. We have their footmarks, we have their description. It's ten to one that we trace them. The first fellow was a bit too active, but the second was caught by the under gardener and only got away after a struggle. He was a middle size t, strongly built man

"That's rather vague." said Sherlock Holmes. "Why, it might be a description of Watson."

"It's true," said the inspector, with amusement. "It might be a description of Watson."

"Well, I'm afraid I can't help you, Lestrade," said Holmes. "The fact is that I knew this fellow Milverton, that I considered him one of the most dangerous men in London and that I think there are certain crimes which the law cannot touch and which therefore to some extent justify private revenge. No, it's no use arguing. I will not

. . . . . . . Holmes had not said one word to me about the tragedy which we had witnessed, but I observed all the morning that he was in his most thoughtful mood, and he gave me the impression, from his vacant eyes and his abstracted manner, of a man who is striving to recall something to his memory. We were in the middle of our lunch when he suddenly sprang to his feet. "By Jove, Watson, I've got it!" he cried. "Take your hat! Come with me!" He burried at his top speed down Baker street and along Oxford street until we had almost reached Regent circus. Here, on the left hand, there stands a shop window filled with photographs of the celebrities and beauties of the day. Holmes' eyes fixed themselves upon one of them, and following his gaze I saw the picture of a regal and stately lady in court dress, with a high diamond tiara upon her noble head. I looked at that delicately curved nose the marked eyebrows, at straight mouth and the strong little straight mouth and the strong little chin beneath it. Then I caught my breath as I read the time honored title of the great nobleman and statesman whose wife she had been. My eyes met those of Holmes, and he put his faces to his lips as we turned away than the window.

## The Adventure of the Six Napoleons

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On this particular evening Lestrade had spoken of the weather and the newspapers. Then he had fallen silent, putting thoughtfully at his eigar. Holmes looked keenly at him. 'Anything remarkable on hand?" he asked

"Oh, no, Mr. Holmes-nothing very perticular."

Then tell me about it." Lestrade laughed.

"Well, Mr. Holmes, there is no use denying that there is something on my business that I hesitated to bother you about it. On the other hand, although and I know that you have a taste for all that is out of the common. But, in my opinion, it comes more in Dr. Wa: son's line than ours." "Disease?" said I.

"Madness, anyhow, and a queer ma ness too. You wouldn't think there was any one living at this time of day who had such a hatred of Napoleon I that he would break any image of him that he could see.'

Holmes sank back in his chair. "That's no business of mine," said he "Exactly. That's what I said. Bu then, when the man commits burglar in order to break images which er not his own, that brings it away from the doctor and on to the policeme

"Burglury! This is more interesting Let up hear the details." Lestrade took out his official name book and refreshed his memory fr its pages

Holmes sat up again.

"The first case reported was for days ago," said he. "It was at the ship of Morse Hudson, who has place for the sale of pleatures and st ues in the Kennington rotal. The sistant had left the front shop for instant when he heard a crash, hurrying in, he found a pl lying shivered into fragments, rushed out into the road; but, althou everal passersby declared that the could neither see any one nor cou-find any means of identifying the al. It seemed to be one of the eless acts of Hooliganism which ur from time to time, and it was re orted to the constable on the beat as uch. The plaster cast was not worth more than a few shillings, and the whole affair appeared to be too child-

ish for any particular investigation.
"The second case, however, was more serious and also more singular. It occurred only last night.

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