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CHAPTER VII

MR. STRIPLEY SUSPICIOUS.

another discomfiting experience.

Mr. Selwyn Ferrand's evil star was

He had parted from Sir Joseph in

ing his way to the Hall along a by-

path, by which he hoped to escape ob-

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CHAPTER VI.

"That's so, sir," assented Eliot cheerfully. "That mare you bought the other day shows a slight spavin. "Oh, hang the mare!" remarked Sir Joseph, as if the subject had no interest for him. With a nod, he turned as if to walk away; then, merely glanc-

"Who was this girl you had the trouale about; what was her name?" "Miss Ryall," replied Eliot. Sir Joseph stopped short and gazed

g over his shoulder, he said casual-

before him; then he ejaculated an inexpressive "Ah!" and walked on. He overtook his promising son,

Selwyn began at once with-"Look here, father, that fellow-Selwyn?" said Sir Joseph slowly, and were very long, swung at his sides as with the air of the man who holds the if they were parts of his body which ant?" purse-strings. "Well, I won't -or I did not match the rest. He was dress-

runnise and resentment. 'Can't or won't; put it either way said Sir Joseph. "Anyway Cares an end of it. Seems to me you not for the first time. You'd better keep close that it looked as if it were a

brake and so avoiding him, involundres, "I only meant tarily stopped short and regarded tha man with an irritable amazement, Joseph. "There's an inn near the stawhich was a huge one, stretched into tion. You can get something to eat

was so futile an effort that the grin

Selwyn glared at him.

What's your business here? If you are trespassing-" "Oh, no," said the stranger object in a low-pitched falsette, which was he had turned the corner, then it gave as startling as his appearance. "I'm place to one of cunning and deep re-

on business right enough, I've come te see Sir Joseph." "Oh, you've come to see my father, have you?" snapped Selwyn. At the words "my father" the man's

stantly became servile and apprehen- look of it. He sent them some ore to sive, he plucked off his hat, and bowed with all his body. "I-I beg your pardon," he whined. Why, it must be Mr. Selwyn, I hope

you will forgive me, sir, for not recognising you; it's some years since had the honour of seeing you, sir, and the present condition of your cloth-

drel! I don't remember you-"

have presumed to laugh-" "You'll find my father in the path "Well, you hear of it now," remarkrid of a man who suits me because he dismissal. "I'll let him know the kind and he stopped and sniffed at it longhappens to have got the best of you

in a queer and shady business. The plays. Be off!" man stays until I choose to sack him; and I don't choose just at the present moment. You had better go round the er; and, being so wet-" back way; you look like a drowned

holding his hat and bowing as he look- that stretched his huge mouth into ed after the enraged young man. Then long slit which threatened to reach he slowly covered his flaring head, his ears, bowed ingratiatingly. certainly in the ascendant that evenand went in search of Sir Joseph, muting, for he was fated to meet with yet tering-

young 'un is worse than the old 'un, the worst of tempers, and was wendor I'm very much mistaken." He found his master seated on face to face with an individual who parently lost in profound cogitation, ness intended, I assure you." was approaching in a somewhat extra- for he looked up with an absent and reoccupied air at the strange figure of his confidential clerk.

along with a slight limp, his head was "Oh, it's you, is it, Stripley!" he thrust forward, and his arms, which "Yes, Sir Joseph," said Stripley,

ed in a well-worn black suit, rather leaning forward meekly, his small "Can't!" exclaimed Selwyn, with shiny at the knees and elbows, with a eyes fixed on Sir Joseph's with an ex- the small joint of mutton that Eliot tall silk hat which had borne the pression which a dog wears when it asked him to join him. Mr. Stripley is uncertain whether a kick or a blow drew a chair to the table with a rapidbrunt of many a summer and winter. is in waiting for it. "The two letters ity and neatness which would have His gait and appearance, taken in concome this morning—the one from Aus- done credit to a conjurer, hastily, but junction with a perfectly pallid face have lose making a fool of yourself- and startlingly red hair, clipped so tralia and the other from the assay-

> coat of paint, were so incongruous glance at his clerk, more leisurely, before the post came in, eh?" he ask-

> > "Certainly, sir; certainly, sir, as awaiting the kick. "I am always most that the whole disappeared as if by careful to obey your injunctions. Ever | magic. since you took me into the office as an errand boy, out of the streets, as you | Eliot. may say, and raised me to my present ofty position-

turned towards an opening in the der-raised in these parts, no doubt? plantation through which he could We don't get mutton like this in Loncatch a glimpse of the Ryall land, but don. Ah, what a thing it is to live in his lids were lowered, and he looked the country!—the fat of the land, runround again almost instantly.

"I'll give you the answer to this may say-pleasing sight!" one," he said, tapping the envelope which bore the stamp of "Gilly and Roberts." "Tell them I'll attend to it. And they are not to write again-mind that. I'll see them-when I want to." "And the Australian letter, Sir oseph?" inquired Stripley meekly. Sir Joseph shot a sharp glance up

at the unnaturally white face. "I'll see to that. All right at the office?" "Quite, sir, quite," replied Stripley, with eager humility. "I am always most careful that everything should go right and smooth during your ab- When perhaps your liver is the ca ence, Sir Joseph. I keep my eye on

verything-everything." "I hear you say so," said Sir Joseph absently. "You'd better be getting back. There's time to catch the night train. I don't want you to be seen up at the Hall."

"Quite so, quite so, sir," acquiesce Stripley, rubbing his hands down the seams of his trousers. "The ladies and men might think something had Sir Joseph frowned up at his cres

ire; the kick was coming. "What do you suppose I care what ople think?" he demanded angrily. comething happened? What do yo ean, you fool? What could happen?

with the scene, that Selwyn, who had of course!" Stripley made haste to at first intended slipping into the protest, with a shrinking of the shoul-

"Oh, go and be hanged!" said Sir

there. You'll strike the road at the of "Who the deuce are you, and what this turning. Here!" He flung him half are you grinning at?" demanded Sel- a crown, as a man throws a hone to yn wrathfully.

The man made an effort to drag his sently. I may drop in at any moment mouth into a graver expression, but Understand? Now you'd better be off. Stripley picked up the half-crewn seemed more pronounced than be- which he had falled to catch, though his hands looked big enough to catch "I beg your pardon," he said with a cannon ball, took off his hat again suppressed titter; "but you look so made a series of bows, and, venturing funny-you've had a ducking, he-hel" on a meek, deprecating "Good-even ing. Sir Joseph," went down the path; "Who are you?" he said furiously. and he sure he did not stop to look behind him at Sir Joseph as he had looked after his son. The air of servile humility sat on his countenance till

"Both the letters were sealed." h murmured to himself. "Annoying very! But that one from Gilly and Roberts contained good news-I could lantern jaw dropped, his manner in- see that by his face; I knew every assay, and the report was favourable, Now, what was it? Was it copper, or tin, or coal? And where did he get the

sample from?" He stopped, and, still swinging his arms, looked round about him with a fox-like impatience and curiosity.

"And the other letter-the one from Australia-what was that, I wonder? "Oh, go to the devil!" broke in Sel- It comes regularly, always sealed, and wyn. "You are an impudent scoun- always sorted out from the rest and kept secret. I'm his confidential clerk, "I am Stripley, your father's-Sir but he don't put much confidence in Joseph's-confidential clerk, sir," ex- me. Ugh! It would have been wiser of plained the man, his hat still in his him to trust me. It's the secrets that hand, his body still bent in apology I don't know, Sir Joseph, that make and deprecation. "I'm sure if I'd my fingers itch, I'll see one of those known that it was you, sir, I wouldn't letters one day-Hullo!"

He had come upon Eliot's cottage from the open door of which was waftthere," said Selwyn, with a gesture of ed the aggravating scent of roast meat of manners his confidential clerk dis- ingly, for he had had nothing to eat save an arrowroot biscuit since his "Yes, sir; certainly, sir; but I do breakfast. He drew nearer, as if inhope you'll overlook my little mis- deed drawn by the delicious perfume, take, sir. I thought you were a strang- and Eliot, whose quick ears had caught the cautious footsteps on the With an oath Selwyn hurried past threshold, turned his head and saw him. But the man stood for some mo- him, Finding himself caught, Stripley ments as if rooted to the spet, still plucked off his hat, and with a smile

"I beg your pardon, I'm sure," he said, in the peculiar voice which made "Like father, like son. No; the most persons jump, and had a dangerously startling effect upon children. " happened to be passing, and-erlooked in-just looked in. You'll for felled tree, smoking a cigar, and ap- give me, I'm sure. No inquisitive ruce-"That's all right," said Eliot, rising.

"Oh, thank you! "responded Stripley, with a gush of grateful humility said with a nod. "Anything import- and he stepped across the threshold. "But I am disturbing you at your even-

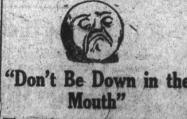
ing meal-supper, I presume?"

The man's eyes so obviously wolfer carefully, deposited his hat on the floor, and seated himself with a stifled "Hand them over," interrupted Sir sigh of desire and impatience. Eliot Joseph. He took the letters opened thought he was the hungriest-looking them at first quickly, but, after a man he had ever seen; and he had seen not a few hungry men. He cut and read them. "You were at the office him a huge slice of mutton, piled up the plate with potatoes and spring cabbage, and tried to avoid looking at his guest while he ate. But it was you requested me, sir," replied Strip- rather difficult to refrain from looking ley with a servile smile and a move- at him, for Mr. Stripley disposed of ment of the body which corresponded the huge plateful in such prodigious with that of the anxious dog still mouthfuls, and yet with such rapidity,

"Let me give you some more," said Meaning of the

"Thank you, thank you," responde Mr. Stripley; "it really is such a beau-Sir Joseph nodded. His face had tiful bit of mutton, so juicy and so tenning about outside your door, as you

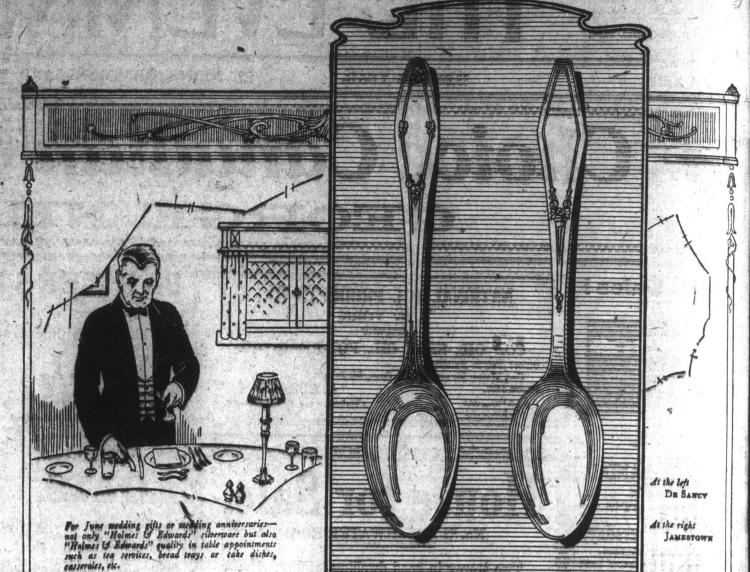
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and customs; to each color in each pattern appertained a religious or political idea; to change or alter it political idea; to change or after it was a crime of apostasy or rebellion. White is absolutely truth. It reflects all the luminous rays. In all cosmogenies, divine wisdom, eternal light subdued primitive darkness and makes the world issue from the bosom of chaos. In all religions, the sovereign pontiff had white vestments, symbols of uncreated light. When Joseph took the body of the Hord, he wrapped it in white linen cloth.

Heraldry copied and followed tra-tions. Its coat of arms ordained that gent should denote whiteness, pur-r, truth, hope and innocence. Ermine which was at first all white, was the emblem of purity and of immaculate and the ancients perceived in colors comes tokens the favor of the people

The Bible presents the type of the language of colors in all its purity. Jesus says, in the Apocalypse. 11-17, name which no one knows but he who

White is the symbol of divinity, wisdom, purity, justice and hope after death. In the Testament, white is symity of their triple origin-Divine, Con- bolic of innocence; in the raiment of the angels and glorious saints, of threads of the tassels on every a stag (Elk) fortitude; unicon joy and victory.

Purple is a compound hue, a red azure, and signifies in the popular language of colors the love of truth Purple was the original color in the symbolic vestment of the Hebrew priests, and predominated in the orna ments of the High Priest. Paganism

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purple and azure. In antiquity purple with red, strong in deed and just it was a red color graduated with blue, word; with azure a goodly disposition "I will give to the victorious a white and according to blazonary purple is stone on which shall be written a compound azure and gules. The purple toga was the garb of the

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emperor alone. It was the badge of death; with green, joy, love and gladkingship. Purple fabrics were very costly. Both sides of purple were used I for the carpet and curtains of the Holy of Holies in the temple. The cance—Harp, skill in music; borne of Israelite's outer garments had to be made of bluish purple. At the Baby-

different degrees of virtue and vice.

lonian court the bestowal of reddish royal purple and white, used at ever purple raiment was a mark of the Elks' function, as typical of Elkdom, highest favor. White (argent) alone signifies chas-

derives its origin from the foregoing tity, charity and a clear conscience and an emblem of purity, signifying but in company with the purple it be-

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