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CHAPTER VI.
 IN THE BILLIARD ROOM.

"Well-dressed, well-mannered, and free from all emotion—impossible to move. Shades of Milton, this is fashion!"

The individuals who are so fond of regretting the departed glory of ancient ornamentation should have paid a visit to the smoking and billiard-rooms of the Hermit Club and mourned no more.

Within these rooms, adorned by all that was beautiful in painting and sculpture, and furnished with greater luxury than ever an Oriental potentate could dream of, lounged, smoked, and played a score or so of hermits—hermits, not of the long serge robe and hempen girdle, but hermits attired in the latest fashion, and blessed with position, money, and, in most cases, good looks.

In the billiard-room a dozen gentlemen were playing pool—pool at five pounds a life—playing it, too, in the most approved fashion, that is, without the slightest appearance of interest, although an unguarded flash of the eye when a man succeeded in potting his adversary's ball, or a chary frown when a life was lost, showed that the languor and indifference were only skin-deep and assumed.

Upon one of the luxurious sofas ranged round the room lay extended at full length a fine-looking man with the regular features and well-made figure that generally win the good opinion of the opposite sex and the title of "handsome."

His eyes were closed as if in sleep, though the perpetual click of the balls and the conversation of the players would prevent any one but a very somnolent individual from dozing, and Reginald Dartmouth was anything but that; indeed, if you had asked the opinion of any of his friends—and he had many—they would have laughed at the question and quickly informed you that Mr. Dartmouth was "jolly," "sharp," "cute," "knowing," and "wide-awake."

Yet, as he lay there with his eyes shut, no one would have given the gentleman in question much credit for either of the qualities; but it only needed a glance from the clear, swarthy eyes to reveal the keen, restless

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nature of the brain within—restless, yet outwardly calm, quiet, and languid, for Captain Reginald Dartmouth secretly prided himself upon his blase manner and immovable insouciance.

It was a saying at the club and the mess-room that "you never could surprise Dartmouth," and it merely amounted to a truism.

Rush into the room where he was lying—he preferred that posture to sitting—with the most astounding, most terrible news, and he received it and you with calm indifference, or, at the most, lazy interest.

Yet Captain Reginald Dartmouth was no "swell" in the ordinary acceptance of the term.

He neither overdressed himself, talked childish nonsense, professed ignorance of the most ordinary everyday matters, as your idiots of that genus make a point of doing, nor displayed.

He dressed well, and with the care of a Brummel, and he wore an eye-glass; but to dress well he considered the duty of every English gentleman; and as for the eye-glass, it served sometimes to heighten or intensify the piercing look of haughty disdain which was so effectual in killing the snob or smothering an insolence.

Game after game went on, and still he lay on the soft velvet apparently unconscious and asleep, and he would probably have laid there until the clock had struck his retiring hour; but suddenly the door was burst open and a slight-built young fellow entered, and nodding to the players with a pleasant smile went up to the sofa upon which Reginald Dartmouth lay and clapping him on the shoulder, with a laugh, said:

"Hello, Reg! Asleep as usual."

"Ah, Charlie," said the captain, without rising or betraying the slightest surprise, "is that you? Of course, I might have known it. No one else in the world would have the impudence to wake a fellow. It's my opinion you'd wake Methuselah if you came across his grave."

"It's my opinion," retorted Charlie Anderson, the gossip-monger and general favorite of the club, "that you'd sleep as long as that respectable old party, if some one didn't have the charity to wake you up sometimes. Why aren't you playing?"

"Tired of it. I won three pools."

"Ah, of course; you're such a great pot at pool! The fellows didn't like it, I suppose?"

"I didn't ask them," said the captain, indifferently. "What's the time?"

"Twenty past one," replied Charlie. "I shall be getting home. Are you going my way? I've got my car at the door."

when he had made himself comfortable in one corner.

"Why, how the deuce did you know I wanted you?" asked the young baronet, with admiring surprise.

The captain knocked the ash off his cigar and laughed lazily.

"My good fellow," he said, quietly, "a blind bat could see that you had something to tell me. What is it?"

"Well, you are a clever fellow; the sharpest—"

"Yes, never mind the other flattering adjectives, my dear Charlie," interrupted the captain, with careless indifference. "Let us have the pitch of the matter."

"Well, I've got some news for you," said the baronet, not a bit offended by the interruption. "You know I've a sort of cousin down in the west, an old maid—scarcely that, though, for she isn't very old—you know what I mean, rather passed, though she's a nice little thing, quiet, and the rest of it, and a deal better than the most of the run nowadays."

"Yes," assented the captain, as a patient hint.

"Well, don't be impatient."

"I never was in my life," said the captain, softly.

"She writes to me pretty regularly, and—and was very kind and liberal with her money—she's got lots of it—when I was thinly feathered. This morning I got a letter from her that contains some news more interesting to you than to me."

The captain nodded, but closed his eyes, looking as if nothing in the earth, the heavens above, or the waters under the earth, could interest him.

"It seems that the squire at the Dale, near them, Squire Darrell, has had a terrible row with his son and cut him off—turned him out, in fact."

The captain opened his eyes and knocked the ash off his cigar again.

"That isn't all. It seems the stupid fellow—the son, I mean—instead of hanging about until the old boy worked round, cleared right off in the most unaccountable way, and hasn't been heard of since. The dad, naturally riled at such beastly, unreasonable conduct, adopts a niece of his and proclaims her his heiress. Well, I thought, 'By Jove, Regy would like to hear of this' because I remembered hearing you say you were some revelation of the Darrells, and I fancied there might be a chance for you."

"So you threw up the dinner at Talbot House and the society of the five Miss Powells to come and tell me, Charlie, you are—well, I won't be abusive—say, a donkey."

"Oh, nonsense!" retorted the young baronet, blushing, however, with genuine pleasure, for he liked as well as looked up to his companion. "You'd have done the same for me."

"Should I?" said Captain Reginald. "It's very doubtful."

"Well, never mind," said Charlie Anderson, good-humoredly. "What are you going to do?"

"I am going to bed," replied the other, "if you will put me down at the Albany."

"Nonsense—I mean, what are you going to do about the affair? He's a near relation, isn't he?"

"Uncle."

"By Jove, you ought to have a shot, old man! Go down and marry the girl."

"Thanks. I have an objection to bread-and-butter school-girls: they are insipid and abominable. I prefer, if the choice is a necessity, a red Indian squaw."

"Nonsense," retorted the other. "You mean you don't care to leave the charming Bell."

The captain smiled; it was almost a sneer.

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"If what?" asked the other.

"If I meant to play, for my sweet uncle's land and cash."

"Well," said Charlie Anderson, "you know your own book best, old fellow. Good-night."

Leisurely pacing the steps that led to his chambers, the captain turned into a handsome sitting-room, where his valet awaited him.

"You can go to bed, Williams; I shall not want you," he said, and the man, with a respectful bow, made silently off.

Then Captain Reginald Dartmouth sank into one of the easy-chairs and, stroking his silky mustache, muttered:

"So my amiable uncle has turned that hot-headed cousin of mine out of doors and taken a school-girl to reign in his place! It's fine property—too good for an idiot or a woman. I am in debt; I am poor; it does not look impossible—yet a raw-boned, giggling school-girl! Bah, it is too repulsive! but, notwithstanding his distaste for the picture he had called up, he rang the bell, and told his man to pack his portmanteau in time to catch the coach for Dale.
 (To be continued.)

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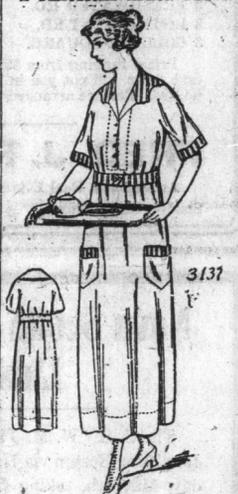
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