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All through his absence. Honore lingered at the window, where she had taken her stand when Mr. Slimp had invited her to the fire, and someone opposite, whom, in her absent mood she did not notice, saw her, and presently she was aware that the bustling figure of Mr. Haughton's chief clerkwell known to her-joined her at the window, evidently to tell her something, which brought a startled fear

Prompt in all he did, Royden Keith walked downstairs and out into the hotel yard, from which he had watched Mr. Slimp emerge. A few steps brought him to where one of his own grooms stood chatting with an hostler, and a few words explained his question.

"Mr. Slimp, sir," replied the hostler, touching his hat at every other word, "And had you?" "Yes. sir."

"Do you happen to know if Mr. Haughton is at his office?" "He is not, sir. He drove away early today. I took the carriage round myself, and he said he should not be

back." Royden walked straight to Mr. Haughton's office, and upstairs with the junior clerk to Lawrence Haugh-

ton's private room. "Miss Craven," he haid, not noticing Mr. Slimp's discomfiture at his appearance, nor seeming to notice how she trembled and shrank back, as if afraid of herself, now that he had appeared. "I came to ask you if you will take a seat in my dog-cart. I am sending it"-with the refinement inherent in him, Royden ignored the proposal of going himself-"into Statton, and my man can give the medicine at East | me a corner seaf, with my back to the | be the London section. Lord Salisbury Cottage, and drive you on to the Larches. I am afraid they will be anxi- little old lady from her corner seat, as tack upon the county council. It is now ous at both places until you arrive, and so is it not a pity to linger here?"

"I was waiting for a fly," said Honore, her quiet voice faltering a little; "they are out at present, so I am watching for one to return." "There is a fly in the hotel vard now. at your service, if you prefer it," said

Royden, without a glance toward where Mr. Slimp stood, cowering a little in his miserable attempt at ease. "Do you "Mr. Slimp told me-understood,"

were engaged, and that I could not have

"Mr. Slimp told you so," returned Royden, with calm irony, but did not understand so. You shall go as you choose, Miss Craven. Do you prefer a

"Yes, if you please," said Honore, a mist of tears gathering at last in her eyes; so like a child she felt jast then, because she longed to let him decide for her and act for her, yet rebelled against this longing with tearful

"Mr. Slimp," said Royden, "will go across again, and this time will bring you the cab." Not very comfortable were the feelings of Mr. Bickerton Slimp as he left the office, his only relief being the dis-

covery that Mr. Keith was following By the time the the was ready to but her heart fell to see that it was cared for their opinion.'

Bickerton Slimp who stood beside the she had taken her seat, however, Mr. Keith came up. "Is it so," he asked, closing the door quietly in the clerk's very face, as he

"None," she said, eagerly, as she saw what was the clerk's intention; "none,

"I think," he reflected, in his leisurely tones, "that it hardly seems worth while to send my carriage out, now that this is going; and so may I beg you to allow my man the seat on the box there? He shall be no hindrance to you-a little help, perhaps, in guiding and arranging with the driver.'

"Thank you," said Honore, quick to read all kind and generous motives. "He is here now, and will be much obliged for the seat," observed Royden, as he stepped back from the closed door and raised his hat. Then, with great relief, Honore watched Royden's valet mount the box before her.

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"No, sir." The fly drove on, and Royden turned away, with just one glance of coolest scorn, not unmixed with amusement, at the baffled little clerk. It was a look which recalled to Bickerton Slimp that (to him) unpleasant evening at the Myddelton Arms, when, after his severe castigation, he had been so coolly followed by the quizzical amusement of those long gray eyes.

"I haven't forgotten," muttered Biekerton, clenching his fists, as he mounted the office stairs again; "and this will make me doubly remember. I shall be more than even with him yetmore than even."

The threat was heavy and portentous, so it was small wonder that the wiry little form shook under it.

"Honore Craven-Come with me to-day to call upon a friend at a distance. Mrs. Disbrowe provokes me beyond endurance by being too ill to make herself useful in any way. I shall be at the station at one oclock. Mind you are punctual; I hate unpunctuality, which is only another name for insult. Never mind about your best bonnet, but be sure you have on a clean collar.-Edna Payte.' Honore, laughing a little over this

letter, went to seek Miss Haughton, and beg the holiday. "If you like to lower yourself by being at the beck and call of every old woman in the village," remarked Jane, with a not very strict acherence to fact, "I have nothing to say against

it. Please yourself." "Thank you," said Honore, her tone betraying how, for her, the chiefest and purest pleasure was won by pleasing others.

"Going with old Mrs. Payte" claimed Phoebe, when she found her cousin dressed ready to start, and surreptitiously enjoying bread butter beside the kitchen fire. "Well, I do wish you joy, Honore. And going without your luncheon, too!' 'Yes; and without the faintest idea

of where I'm going, or whom I am go-"came over just now to say he supposed we had no fly at home just now." of where I'm going, or whom I am going to see," observed Honore, gravely discussing her mild repast discussing her mild repast. "How lovely you look!" blurted out

> miration "Good-bye, little Frau." Mrs. Payte was impatiently pacing the station platform when Honore arrived, and she turned sharply on the girl with a reprimand. But somehow the anger left her eyes when they rested on the beautiful face and figure.

"I don't know who it is," she mused, half-closing her shrewd eyes. "Theodora Trent dresses more handsomely, and expensively, and Phoebe Owen more showily, yet they never look as Honore does; she is like an exquisite picture." Then she remarked aloud: ed to be punctual. Well, never mind; mongers their cunning. The most next century it will be old-fashioned troublesome feature of the ministerial to be late. Now, here's the train. Find programme at the coming session will engine. What's the matter?" asked the seems bent upon following up his atthe train rolled on. "Is my on one side?"

"No, indeed," said Honore, ashamed of being caught in her long gaze. "I was only thinking how very nice you

"Ah, I thought soemthing surprised you," observed Mrs. Pate, with a complacent glance into the window beside her as if it were a mirror. "You miss my brown hat. I left it at home for today. It's against my principles to wear a brown hat in Friesland. You

"No," said Honore, smiling, "I don't indeed. "Well, then, you ought to know it, though I can't say that I do. At any rate, he tried to go through Friesland in a brown hat, and he couldn't: but whether he escaped with his life or

not, I really forget." "What do they wear in Friesland, then? "Wear! It would take me all our journey to tell you. Knitted caps; then high silk skull-caps; then metal turbans, and then large flaunting bonnets. What's the use of laughing? It's the

custom of the country." "Do you know I should have fancied-" and then Honore stopped, blushing. "Fancied what?"

"That you," resumed Honore, daringly, though the shy blush deepened, "would have been the very one to ave the hotel yard, Honore was at choose a brown hat for Friesland, to the outer door of her guardian's offices, show the Frieslanders how little you

"Should you?" questioned the old hired vehicle, waiting for her. Just as lady, very slowly, as she favored Honore with a long and trying gaze. "That particular brilliant idea of yours is may compel the admiralty to order anfounded on the fact of my going to the Abbotsmoor picnic in my gardening was on the point of entering; "is it hat and gown. How very little discrimso, Miss Craven, that you need no es- ination children possess. Now. amuse yourself; I want to read the deaths." [To be Continued.]

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Parliament, but there are good reasons for the belief that the main topic of mant; the men utterly refuse to arbidiscussion had perforce to be the trate. menacing foreign situation, as, indeed, was the case also at the last council. There have been plenty of more or less fantastic rumors respecting affairs in the far east, but apart from these, there is no doubt that there is good cause for anxiety, if not alarm. The small territorial concessions at Hong Kong are not for a moment considered as a setoff against the German occupa-tion of Kiao Chau, or the French-Rus-

sian acquisitions elsewhere. BRITAIN WILL BESTIR HERSELF. Britain means to bestir herself, and as an earnest of this will this week probably dispatch two more cruisers to Chinese waters as a hint to the German government, which is at present laboriously fitting out reinforcements for the same part of the world. Mean-while, the British Admiralty has placed orders in the South Wales collieries Phoebe, unable to restrain her ad- for an immediate supply of 100,000 tons of the best Welsh steam coal for the warships. The coal owners have been privately informed that bigger orders will follow very shortly—a sign that the British navy will have work to do this winter, if it be merely by way of a peaceful demonstration of its vast latent strength. The Chinese legation in London is almost ludicrously anxious. The anxiety of its officers is due partly to the fact that they know little that is going on behind the scenes.

ENGLISH POLITICS STAGNANT. English politics are stagnant as a

struggle at the March elections. The Army Bill takes precedence over all others in the coming session of the Germany, brought to light in 1868. British Parliament, and the government is preparing to force the measure through before Easter. The increased amounts required will possibly exceed any budget surplus which may exist, said Honore, watching curiously the face of her guardian's clerk, "that they who did?"

"No" said Honore, smiling "I don't hold has joined the ranks of the The question of raising a larger army hour, and even the bogey of the possibility of an invasion has been raised.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S SPEECH. Emperor William's speech from the throne on the opening of the Reichstag is sharply criticised by the newspapers. The Cologne Gazette, in its comments, says there is a chasm between the emperor and the nation's representatives, and reminds his majesty that there has been an increase in the debt since his accession of 1,500,000,000 marks, almost exclusively for military and naval purposes. It is predicted that neither the naval bill nor the bill for the reform of military trials will pass the Reichor fall with these two important bills introduced on the opening day. GERMAN NAVAL PROGRAMME.

The new naval programme of the German government attracts more attention in England than anywhere else. It is dismissed by some officials with cynical indifference, as a policy which does not concern England, although it other strong squadron. Other journals point to France and Russia as the powers really interested, and predict that they will be compelled to increase their naval armaments in consequence of the German emperor's passion for maritime adventure. Other critics warn him that he has entered upon a costly policy, since, if Germany wishes to rival the naval powers of the first rank, coaling stations must be acquired and colonies founded upon a large scale. The new scheme contemplates naval expenditures of about \$245,000,000. spread over a period of seven years, or an annual average of \$35,000,000, but this includes maintenance as well as construction. The budget is not an excessive one, and the seven years' proposals are adroitly presented as a system based on annual votes in supply. The main point is that a powerful fleet will be at the disposal of the emperor, who can use it without legislative restraint. AUSTRIAN PREMIER'S DOWN-

FALL.

The downfall of Count Madeni, the late Austrian premier, was received with rejoicing in Germany. The Austrians of Berlin illuminated their houses in honor of the event, and the THE BRITISH ENGINEERS' DIS-PUTE.

The fact that the engineers' conference has ended in a flasco is no surprise, though much regretted. The extreme gravity of the situation cannot be over-estimated. The address in which the delegates of the strikers submit the results to the members of the unions is most discouraging. It emphasizes their opinion that the conditions the employers are resolved to exact strike at the very root of the most cherished principles of trades unionism. In conclusion, it says:
"Nothing but the sense of the sufferings and sacrifices which the quarrel has already imposed upon our fellowlaborers could have induced us to submit proposals of such a humiliating character for consideration." The alloverwhelmingly, in which case, it is almost needless to point out, distress is confronting hundreds of thousands this winter."

A GLOOMY OUTLOOK. The whole aspect of the industrial

London, Dec. 6.-The cabinet council world here is most depressing. In adat the foreign office on Saturday was dition to the engineering troubles, the Amalgamated Society of Railway Seroriginally arranged solely to consider vants has issued strike notices to 120,the business of the coming session of 000 of its members, and the cotton in-Parliament, but there are good reasons dustry is also threatened with paralysis. The contending factions are ada-

> THE DREYFUS CASE. The case of Alfred Dreyfus, the former captain of French artillery, who is alleged to have been unjustly sentenced to imprisonment for life on the charge of having sold important The plans of the French war department to agents of a foreign power, is an absorbing topic in France. Everybody seems to be interested in the affair. Syndicates and secret societies are said to be spending millions on one side or the other, and the agitation is likened to the days of Danton and Robespierre. A court-marital has been ordered to examine into the charges brought against Count Esterhazy, who is accused of writing the letter which brought about the sentence of Dreyfus. The journals devote endless columns, in the biggest type, to the affairs of Dreyfus, his friends and enemies, and everybody in any way connected with the case. The conductor of a train which brought Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone tot Paris, on their way to the south of France, thought they were to appear as witnesses in the matter. Everybody seems to be mixed up in the

liam of Germany. WATER IN THE DESERT. The first well sunk upon the Berber-Suakim road, newly lopened, yields an abundant supply of water. Thus the experience gained in the district near the Nile is confirmed in the east-"Of course, you're late. It's old-fashioned to be punctual. Well, never mind:

millpond without a ripple. The leaders have lost their breath, and rumor-Now the first attempt in the far east has been equally successful.

INTERESTING EXCAVATIONS. Excavations have been made recently in the remains of the old Roman cept with respect to sanitary building quantity of coins, pottery, bronze, ironregulations. This will lead to a bitter ware and some large silver vessels, which have their equals only in the famous treasure trove of Hildesheim,

GIVES UP HIS ANCESTRAL HALLS Hugh De Grey Seymour, the sixth Marquis of Hertford (who was born in 1843, and who was formerly a capbeen obliged to quit their ancestral thorities at Alcester, Warwickshire, near which his seat. Ragley Hall, is situated, that, owing to his decreasing income and increasing expenses, it is impossible for him to keep up the hall,

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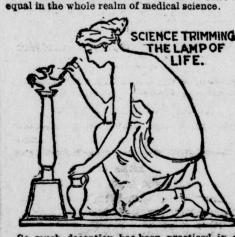
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permanently stopped. CHIT-CHAT. London has had many topics to discuss during the past week. Lady Jeune, one of the brightest ornaments time controller of her majesty's house-hold), has joined the ranks of the hold), has joined the ranks of the of English society, has an article in The question of raising a larger army hold), has joined for Great Britain is the topic of the members of the aristocracy who have Duchesss of Teck, which raises the question whether members of the halls. He has just informed the au- royal family are not overworked and underpaid.

underpaid.

Prof. Herkomer's refusal to carry off the presidency of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colors, when he might have had it by casting his vote as chairman on a tie ballot, is commended as more honorable than sucmended as more honorable than success. Prof. Herkomer wished to reform the society, and the conservative painters rallied around Mr. Ernest Waterlow and elected him.

There have been many themes, such as the terrible stress of weather on the coast, with the tragic loss of a lifeboat filled with brave men, and the comedy in a law court. men, and the comedy in a law court, with a famous money lender's attempt to hold a rich and credulous officer of the Life Guards responsible for the debts of a tricky and titled black sheep - a story in high life which would have seemed incredible in fic-

When all else failed, there is the Scotch mystery respecting the identity of the heroic piper who played at Mongolian.....Jan. 1 Dargai when his legs were shot off. The most splendid function of the week was the Masonic celebration at the bicentenary of the opening of St. in the World in the Cure of Paul's Cathedral, a grand and impres-

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