

with prudence; but being out of the profession, and now pursuing higher studies I may state, indeed, in honour feel almost constrained to disclose, that—is your Grace prepared to listen?"

"I listen, sir, with closest attention."
"For a lengthened period I held in private and personal possession the genuine certificate of the marriage of the parents of DeLacy Lillymere; a document which unquestionably proved that gentleman's legitimacy. On retiring from the profession and assuming higher avocations, my affairs were settled up by a perillous journey to the South in search of El Abra, the magician, to restore the document to his keeping. From him it had been officially, but privately annexed. To him it was openly returned. El Abra holds the document now."

"El Abra! A distinguished American citizen of great wealth and political eminence bears that name; when you say magician, do you mean the southern statesman, planter, and financier?"

"No other. All those distinctions came of his magic, and that was got, I know how, but need not disclose."

"Can you reacquire possession of that document?"

"At hazard of my life, prompted by honour, I returned it. Had I a thousand lives El Abra would slay me a thousand times, if found near his domain. No, your Grace. The document cannot be re-annexed. By subversion of that evidence of Lillymere's legitimacy another claimant is to be advanced as Earl Royalfort's successor. The English aristocracy are to be ousted from old inheritances, one by one, and a new order of proprietors instituted."

"What do you know, sir, of the alleged murder of Agnes Schoolar?"

"I fear it is true. Perhaps the psychoscope, if completed as at first projected, might discover the murderer; but the instrument is with father, and not yet perfected."

"What fee will secure your invaluable services on behalf of Lillymere?"

"I'm out of the profession, and take no fees. But truth and justice being involved I shall serve faithfully: conditionally that when Lillymere succeeds in his claims, your Grace presents me at Court to Her Majesty the Queen."

"I promise to solicit the Queen's permission, and have no doubt it will be conceded. If not taking fees, will you oblige, sir, by accepting a donation?"

"I may, to defray expenses."

"Happy to know that. I write a cheque for—how much?"

"Cannot presume, your Grace, to name what the Duke of Sheernes should give as a present."

"Let me see. Suppose I write cheque on the Bank of Montreal, two thousand dollars? There it is."

"To be courteous, my Lord Duke, I accept the present of two thousand dollars. The amount may defray railroad fares, a month or two, and tobacco."

"It is not enough, I fear; how much more?"

"I'm out of the profession, your Grace, living on my private fortune accumulated in business, and don't require immediate money. I'll instruct father to act in the case; he will require a retainer of ten thousand dollars; and two thousand payable as refreshers monthly. But father—if I say it, professionally retained—will do the work, you bet."

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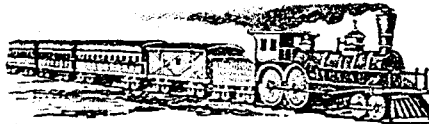
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