while successed but upon the kingotty ready the profane and confirmed bache more small his degenerate lingers wield fors he hoped it wasn't true, and begged to the coverage peneri of a betting book? know when I was to be turned off. And yet what the a bleate of, the centerous auxiliary, I had nover spoken a word that could be the year course of the old champion's fame, construed into a proposal by Miss Belmont, to the december but an unconscious or mited my intentions to the good old Col-machine of fraud and disgrace? And yet to med. However, I had thought a good deal such that us to so may be driven the noblest about a mys li, and had made up my mind a the land, by a bad education and the exicompared a false position.

I suve only stated the facts of the case a they may have come under the observation this infatuation being the more confirmed by of most of us. Let was r heads than mine

propose the remedy. But in return to Flora, as I now found my self exting her in my day-dreams, the atturnied of the review, grew and flourish ! even in the worldly atmosphere of a London on Davoided Mrs. Mantrap; I made further man rers is to Coralie, and the fort time I saw her again, pirouetting as a symple in her vocation, she studiously ed no inclination to renew our strange acquantanceship. I went less to Crockford's, officers of the brigade I alon there shunned the little room : I I fined a good deal at Colonel Belmont's ed the stomach of any man whose heart was land, embarking in a four-oar, dash merrny Konsington Gardons, where, quite incidented parlor of the Red House—an edifice, alas I willy. I used to come across Miss Belmont, to be swept away by the unsparing march of promenating, under the guardianship of a modern improvement. No more shall the wasting-mail and local duenna to my lady- breakfast, such as those alone dare to face I often look back to that peaceful time as a linealthy morning air, and digestions fortified ort of smiling casis in the waste of my by the vi or of an carsman's condition. No rickless and tempestuous lite. People may more shall the cool and unerring shot level sheer at the cockney-beauties of Kensington I his deadly tubes, as he quietly lays five to thardens, but for my part I love those trim two upon the gun, and ere the blue rock, alleys and long deep glades as well as any- swifest of the children of air, rises three feet thing I have met with further afield; and from the opening trap, mows him down were it not that the stems of the fine old upon the sward with a rapidity and precision trees become so engrained and blackened that deserve to win, as win he does, a golden with so t, you might lancy, in the heart of victory. No more shall Messrs Pitcher and that syran courty, that you were hundreds Wing shoot off their the swith Captain Rocket of more from London. The sun does not and Major Suap, and decide within thes some moved days a six used to share upon echoing lists who shall chann the honor of those early strolls, and then, when the being the best shot in England. No, the worms morning began about half-past five, place must go to make room for a new park, pin we were wont to meet again, for it that the increasing population of our wonder was a time monored custom with far inctropolis may have a space wherein to uniong out for a ride in the park and much as we may regret the loss, we regularly as the afternoon came round, and cannot cave at the object. We can only say, being party from absence of mind, and we could have better spared a better house. party from short significances, a most melli- but in the panny days of that waterman s to me suardian. I always received a hearty in soft, we mad the most of it indeed. Mornthe spectowards lum for support and on-

tonoltone with a me ening When the readed grap of his or two intimate bounds of my own had all that it was absolutely essential for Flora's happen se as for mine, that we should spond car r volour leves together as man and wife; iny own restlessness and discomfort, when the illness of a near relative occasioned the temporary absence of Belmonts from London. I began seriously to think of rushing into matrimony, of wth frawing myself from all the dissipations and follis of the world; for which I deserved the less credit as the London season was now rapidly dwindling to its close. I took to leading a rational and manly kind of life, depending upon my brother officers for society, and entering arat Hooking towards my box, and show identity into all those vigorous sports and athletic exercises so popular with the young

It was our greatest d light on those fine summer mornings to rush down to the marcomb would have completely destroy- | gen of dirty and venerable Futher Thames, I took to morning-walks in tup the river to breakfast, in the time-houorbut cula ly grim personage, who, having joyial crew, leaping from their shallop, rush be ther purse in childhood, now acted as headlong to the charge, and demolish a These were very pleasant walks, and | whose appetites are sharpened by the keen, on in in are more agreeably manifested when which the tide always appears to be rushing s. furnously-'Give way!' and we speed but that carries her, with her light and gentle four lun verspir in ore freely, as the perspir

a pacte body, to enliven the dull suson of an autumn in London, and turnish food for the columns of the weekly sporting journals. My old habits were sufficiently strong within me to induce me to get, by every means in my power, the b st information as to the pace of our antagonists, and the time in which they did their several distances; on comparing which with our own, it appeared to me that and the excitement of our boat-race being there was money to be made out of the pro- over, London began to get insufferably hot, coedings, and that if we could only keep dusty, and stupid; everybody had lest town. Tom Tult from the decanters and the beer- and the very waiters in the clubs were lookbarrel, we ought to make a pretty good cer- ing forward to their little excursion to the tainty of winning. After a great deal of dis- sea-side. St. Heliors had been absent on cussion, called by the vulgar chaff, time, the Continent for the last six weeks, and place, and distance were arranged, and our was the person I should have least exrespective crows having decided upon the pected to meet, when, to my surprise, one color of their Jerseys, and the capabilities of hot and languid afternoon, as I saurtered their steerers, went into strong training listlessly down St. James's Street, I discoverforthwith. I cannot answer for the diet pre- ea that the only other individual occupying scribed to them, or the particular regimen the pavement of that once-crowded resort adopted by Messrs. Ruffles, Mallerd, Stret- was St. Heliers nimself-en route, as he imcher, and Bower, our four laborious adver- mediately informed me, for the best moor perseverance with which our own crew dis- the north of Scotland; 'where, Digby, my tasto of beer, and appreciated most heartily occasional deer, and a good deal of that old worked like Helots. Day after day, the skin tained sufficient leave from my military got clearer, the muscles harder, and the face duties, that very night saw me, in company thinner, till at last we boasted that we were not to be blown by pace or exhausted by the London and North-Western Railway, labor. Once only Tom Tuft was granted a and in defiance of directors' bye-laws, and dispensation from the seventy of our rules, forty-shilling penalties, filling it with the and allowed to dine out with an aunt in Eaton fumes of the choicest and most fragrant of Square, whom it would have been impolite eigars. And now, I think I cannot illustion of her butler, an office I took upon my detailing a conversation which took place bedrung thereof two whole bottles to his own rate of forty miles an hour, and which he match was over, and our joyial bow was and Miss Belmont? Of course you don't obliged to couse. hims if for present abstin mean to marry her?' ence by anticipating the glorious; ilification 'Well,' I replied, 'I certainly did think of with which he was confident of a l brating it. But why not?' our comming vice ty. As the time for the match drawn arer, so did the weather be ce no more and more unproposous, till the eventful day .tself arrived, heralded by a father's life, I answered; 'but, of cours', if communal downfall of rain that, if St. Swi- I married, I should sell out, and go and live then and anything to do with it, must have very quietly somewhere in the country. traly gla idened the heart of that lacarymose St. Lakers face, a worthy. First of all, we thought it was sur have been a picture. to clear at no in, and when noon came, the 'Have you considered how bally such a rain descended in straighter lines man ever, life would suit you? he said, with more earthen we voted, as we survered in the damp, hestness than he usually showed in any dull atmost here it would be for the context. of a parallulum, when the sharp nosed craft joiced when, at seven in the evening, the if he knows where he is going.

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Well, I interposed, 'but I do not see the myself seat d in my own place in the boat, irrevocable step quite in that light.' that it rue less during fair one, whose minister Bridge, with its grim yawning acches arranging my stretcher, and preparing for protection helph sames and dependence es, and massive stone buttersses, by the coming tug of war.

down, from sheer nerve and determination, the gallop he has reserved for 'the avenue,' my friends that we had won a severely con- are constant even at Hampton, and never

CHAPTER IX.

THE BHOOTING PARTY.

It was now about the middle of August saries, but I can only bear witness to the and the most comfortable shooting-lodge in perseverance with which our own crew distinction of Scotland, where, Digoy, my cussed raw mutton-chops and porter at each period when exhausted nature required repried when exhausted nature required repried will come down with me, I shall be freshment. I have ever since loathed the happy to give you lots of grouse, an the scientific transformation of a skilful cook, claret you so highly approve. I jumped at Day art 1 day we fed also cannibals, and the offer, and having with little difficulty obto offend. But the nunt possessed a store of trate St. Heliers' views upon men and a certain dry old port, and by cross-examina and things, including women, better than by self, I discovered that Master Thomas had tween us, as we sped along northward at the cheek during the very short interval that he opened by an observation on which he called was left alone in the dining-room, whilst the mistaken notion of marrying at my time coffee was being prepared up stairs. We also flife. 'What is this I hear, Digby,' said lowed no mate amount angagement till the he, between the puffs of his cigar, 'about you

'Why not !-why should you? Has she a very large fortune?

Not a sixpence, I believe, during her

St. Leliera face, at this proposal, would

then we voted, as we savered in the damp, frested to hearty or send the most of it added. Morn-less from paper, as an additional escent. In after morning might be seen our four-less than the usually showed in any less the well-matter morning might be seen our four-less than the usually showed in any less the well-matter in the dampher, it would be far pleasanter, matters not hearing directly on himself; and a set of the dampher. The rides in amine waves far passing steamer, that we had to rook at the style of the therefore, elapsed? Of course it is no business of a passing steamer, that we had to rook at the style of the therefore, elapsed? Of course it is no business of a tree and only a strength of the dampher. The rides in a strength of the therefore, it weather must improve by that him. Then gusted you would be before two years had we had to rook at the style of the therefore, elapsed? Of course it is no business of a tree and only a strength of the dampher in the matters not hearing directly on himself; the would be far pleasanter matters not hearing directly on himself; the would be far pleasanter matters not hearing directly on himself; the would be far pleasanter matters not hearing directly on himself; the would be far pleasanter matters not hearing directly on himself; the would be far pleasanter matters not hearing directly on himself; the would be far pleasanter matters not hearing directly on himself; the would be far pleasanter in the damp, he showed in any dail atmosphere, it would be far pleasanter in the damp, he showed in any dail atmosphere, it would be far pleasanter in the damp, he showed in any dail atmosphere, it would be far pleasanter in the matter of the would be far pleasanter. The rides matters are being a strength of the damp, he showed in any dail atmosphere, it would be far pleasanter. The rides matters are showed in any dail atmosphere, it would be far pleasanter. The rides matter was a strength of the damp, he showed in any dail atmosphere, it would be far pleasanter. The rides and the state of the attentions and the may and his state to the stroke, and struggle. It was the longest and most un shut, for the brink of a precipice, I cannot and which I was my delight to lavish the brinds his stalwart back to the stroke, and struggle. It was the longest and most un shut, for the brink of a precipice, I cannot, a young are would riully susceptible t times each dip of his our with the regularity settled day I ever spent, and I felt quite resummen charity, refrain from asking him

. That is because you do not in the leas know what you are going to undertake. It was seven o'clock ere the preliminaries Trust me, I have seen a great deal of life, were fairly arranged, the judge appointed, and my dear Digby, and for a fellow like you, coming ment, than when she kicks the dirt past the New Houses of Parliament, seen the umpires placed. The dullness of the wea marriage on a small income would be worse up 1 his face, as she tears along before him, only to real advantage from the river, and ther prevented our being honored with a than transportation. You like to come and mail the triumph of hobling a thorough-bred now shining gergeously beautiful in the quantity of spectators, at which we were well dine with me, for instance, because I have a one that its lord and master is unable to ride, warmth of the rising sun. Giv. way " and pleasant craft than usual. Like a racehorse taking party, with whom you have lots of fun. Are and quietly enough attorn starts from our brows and we swing his caster, ere he engages in the strife of you prepared to sit down—every day mind and accounted gallantry at me by the dull fre wain; walls of speed, we shot away for a half-mile spurt, you—to a bad dinner, with the same indispeed, we shot away for a half-mile 'spurt, you—to a had dinner, with the same inditinget the ughly into our swing, before the vidual, whatever may have occurred to damp at the covertside as if they meant business, what the watermen call 'the Phonpotenti to get the rightly into our swing, before the vidual, whatever may have occurred to damp a recognitive manufactured as the very huntsman larger will blank. 'Government was a few way to the Red real contest should commence; and when the spirits or ruffle the good humor of that house it, when the striking corse re-echoed to House looms in sight, and the bow oar is we telt our muscles clastic and our jungs constant tete-a-tete companion? You hate the cross of the pack. I have seen them discovered turning his head r unit to look clear, we wheeled the long narrow boat into being bothered about trifles, and looking into then he t many sitting steadily down in f r the promised heaven, and reproved ac- its appointed place, and, with beating hearts any items of expense—how shall you like to their said lies as they got away alongside of cordingly—Giv way for a hundred more the rading hounds, skin the pastures, and of these long, vigorous, and well-timed fit over the fences, like birds upon the wing; strokes will take us across the river to where and there have been instances of the weaker brakfast is even now being prepared—Give and there have been instances of the weaker brakfast is even now being prepared—Give and aching back, with numbered arms, whether ho has overcharged you are found from the start. The signal shot is fired—and ton being too fat, and add up the grocer's way alongside of the start. The signal shot is fired—and ton being too fat, and add up the grocer's way alongside of the start. The signal shot is fired—and ton being too fat, and add up the grocer's way alongside of the start. The signal shot is fired—and ton being too fat, and add up the grocer's beat and aching back, with numbered arms, whether ho has overcharged you are fond of what the arms from tind to finish, and tenting with a rush even as the jockey finishes his race and drippling brow, I staggered on to terral any terms of expense—now snan you nate to the butcher about the mutfor the start. The signal shot is fired—and ton being too fat, and add up the grocer's way alongs to the start to be and aching back, with numbered arms, whether ho has overcharged you are follower or love to speak to the butcher about the mutfor the start. The signal shot is fired—and ton being too fat, and add up the grocer's form the start.

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and unsparing indicule, my better nature told me that St. Heliers was wrong. And yet-and yet, I pondered and hesitated. marriago was a serious undertaking; I would put it off a little; the present, usual, was my first object. I had a delightful six weeks of sport to anticipate, and as many a wiser man has done on a far more important subject, I shrunk from coming to a final decision till 'some more convenient season.

In the meantime, we soon arrived at St. Heliers' picturesque lodge in a far north, now, in these days of steam, brought within a comparitively easy de transport for deal once a good fortnight will, 100 and rugged with its foreign around and, boundless moors, and a epolitical dead.) as if civilization had a very perfect to those fastnesses-th length of cock and the mallar to a concessability the tameless eagle. ... v. r. s. met together to enj ; the best of d and the most under the state of which in loggite tramping and toiling. rugged mountain and harman a council
assembled nightly and there are the
table. Jack Lavish, the same are a and the life and soul action party. Martingale, who could be soon in A here Norfolk itself cannot steep a part of a ever prepared to back as a win see ... the grooves,' the trans the bate, and rod, for any amount a way or the text credulous might cho and invarid to a mean auxiliary on the field, and it has a panion over the mahogany; and he, soon was one of the select assemblage. My kind est friend and favorite associate, the talented and romantic Hillingdon, who, with all his love of the picturesque and fondness for travel had never been in Scotland, was expected at the end of the week; and with such companions, Highland sport, Highland scenery, and, above all. Highland air, what more could mortal man desire? My first day's grous:-shooting, in company with our host himself, will serve as a specimen of the manner in which we passed our mornings; our evenings, alas I were devoted with excitement neither so healthy nor so harmless. Everything St. Heliers did, whether in the

way of sport, or in the graver matters of life, was done in the most efficient and, at the same time, in the most comfortable manner. He never began shooting till the 20th of August, instead of eagerly fore-stalling his sport on the 12th; consequently his birds were full-grown and fit to kill, and his an nua. 'bag' better than his neighbors.' Others, who could not boast half his bodily vigor, would toil and exhaust themselves before half the day was over, and return languid and weary, leaving the best part of their ground untouched. Not so, my lord; he suot, as he said, 'for pleasure,' and a pleasant sight it was to see him mounted on the eleverest of shooting-ponies, whose back he never quitted till luncheon-time, knocking over his birds right and left from the saudle, with a merry smite and jovial remark, whilst ever and anon he refreshed himself from a huge wicker-covered jar of sherry-and-water, the element bearing small proportion to the wine, and carried by his 'gillie-Ganymede,' as he quaintly called a bether-legged retainer, told off for his especial duty, and strictly enjoined upon no account to quit for one moment his master's side. Two couple of highbred pointers, broke to hunt together without a mistake, obeyed the signals of a wary and silent keeper, to the wave of whose arm they instantaneously dropped; two more couple, straining in the leash, held by two active 'gillies,' were ready to relieve their companions; whilst, walking steadily in the rear, two lynx-eyed assistants were devoted solely to the duty of marking game and picking up dead birds. I walked upon St. Heliers' left, the position in which he always placed his friend, for as he are the marked, 'I can shoot him, but Lace to the shoot me.' And in this order wo make the our forces, to beat up the quarter of the grouse and the black-cock.