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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

y St. Quintin, a wealthy young man, sees a beautiful young woman Miss Densiey at Cowes, and, by a y designed accident, manages to r. He finds that she lives with her than in France, and gets an invited in their house man and the of the operations of his friend, the control of his friend, and the control of his In spite of the objections of his friend, ames lnce a lawyer, in whom he confides, nd who declares the girl is an adventuress, t. Quintin visits her and finds her relatives are charming people. But just as he eaves the house he hears a muffled cry of Murder!" and returns.

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ND as he spoke Monsieur Leblanc, whose French accent had become unusually strong under the pressure of his excitement at the notion of an attack being made upon his treasures, opened the door wide and invited St. Quintin to go Together they crossed the hall, and the host

opened a door

deprived him.

the other.

rlend's face.

with Monsieur Marbeau.

narrow walk lined on each side by flowering shrubs and evergreens, which

shut them in from the house wall on the one side and the wall which divided the

garden from that of the next house on

right and then to the left and listened.

"I can hear nothing going on next door," he said. "Can you?"

"I heard nothing next door, and I am

sure that we should find nothing there."

Then he suddenly thrust his hand under St. Quintin's arm.

"You shall come back into the house

with me," he said, "and you shall drink

"No," said St. Quintin rather sharply.

Monsieur Leblanc peered at his young

Monsieur Leblanc looked first to the

which led into a short corridor, with doors to the right and to the left. He opened the one on the left, and turning up the electric light by means of a button just inside on the wall, he dashed into the room hurriedly and cried: "Ah!" as if with the intention of scaring away any pos-

But there was no one in the room, and no sign that any one had recently been engaged there in any occupation more dangerous than that of writing letters. For opposite to the door and immediately under the window was a heavy writing table of plain mahogany, with a leather top and a wide kneehole between two pedestal supports containing small drawers. Upon this table was an inkstand and a blotting pad and half-finished letter, with other appendages of the writing table, and more letters and papers.

On one side of the room was a fire-place, now filled with ferns, with a massive cupboard-bookcase on each side

At the opposite end there were rows of shelves, all containing books in handsome bindings, which bore the stamp of having been bought for show rather with me," he said, "and you shall drink
a glass of wine. For I see that, whatever this may be that has alarmed you,
method of selection or of arrangement.
The carpet was thick, costly and little worn. The furniture was not perhaps so handsome as in the other
apartments of the house; but this was

and the led the reluctant young man
along the walk until they reached the
garden at the back of the house, and
there as Monsieur Leblanc had said.

which the shock of finding the room And then St. Quintin took his leave, empty when he had expected to make and was accompanied to the garden gate by his host, who did not refer some awful discovery had temporarily again to the "scare" they had had until he held out his hand to say good-bye. Once more he felt sure of what he had seen and heard, and wondered what strange thing had happened in that "You won't be afraid to come and see us again? You won't think the study while its master was conversing house is haunted?" he asked, with a The two men found themselves in a genial smile.

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St. Quintin, evasively, as he shook But all the way back to town in the train he was thinking over what he had seen and heard, and wishing that Miss Densley's relations had been English people, with a sort of dull British feeling that he would not have had that uncanny fancy or experience in a household of purely English char-

"I shall be delighted to come," said

For, once out of sight of Monsieur Leblanc, with his charming smile and grave, courteous manners, St. Quintin had begun again to ask himself whether it was possible he had been deceived by the evidence of his own eyes when he was inside the room, or of his ears while he was outside.

And with a very keen sense that
James Ince would look unfavorably
upon his new friende and would van
him not to visit them again if he were
to tell him all about his evening at
Briar Lodge St. Quintin avoided his
triend until the following Sunday,
when he duly went to Oueen's Hall

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or reading to dear old Mrs. Mor or picking up the dropped stitches of "You're puzzling me more and more

All that means nothing without a key," suggested St. Quintin, humbly. She laughed merrily.
"Of course it doesn't. But I have to say it all over to myself like that son times, and to pinch myself, to be quite sure that it's all real—the great change, I mean, that came into my life with my Uncle Alphonse and my Auns

"Now tell me about it connect please. Remember how interested 1 am," pleaded St. Quintin.
"I'll try to begin at the beginning—

the beautiful, amazing beginning," said the beautiful, amazing beginning, said.

Miss Densley, shutting her eyes, and
causing him to ask himself whether sie
was more beautiful with her eyes closed
even than she was with them open. died out in India, ten years ago. My mother had no near relations, and my

"Well, Mrs. Mortimer is the lady at whose school I was when my parents

comparatively innocent part of what he had to tell was received in this scoffing to Briar Lodge and its occupants would settle the matter, and make James Ince the declared enemy of the Leblancs-which would not have mattered-and of their lovely niece, which would have

mattered a great deal.
"Well, I do know his name, and I can assure you it is that of one of the bestknown men in the Midlands. If I'm sat-isfied, I don't see why you shouldn't

"Ah, but you're in love and I'm not. That is to say, my head's cool, and yours isn't, can't be. Now do, like a good chap, tell me not only the name of care the girl was brought up, but also that of her French uncle and aunt."

"Leblanc. Their name is Leblanc. And if you think there's anything odd about their finding their niece, which I don't believe myself for a moment, I wish you'd go down with me and

"With pleasure," said Ince, with alsority. "Only say when I'm to go, and I'll be ready." St. Quintin hesitated. He had wel-

comed as a happy thought the idea of taking the observant Ince down with him to Briar Lodge, deciding at once that he would introduce his friend to the household before telling him that mysterious adventure which had befallen him there. He answered cautiously:
"All right. I'll take you down with "When are you going down again?"

asked Ince, abruptly. I couldn't very well turn up with a friend. Pm not intimate with them

growled Ince, as he filled his pipe "But I'll ask if I may bring you down to see them, and I've no doubt they will be glad to let me," went on St. Quintin, so much irritated by his friend's attitude that he decided not to confide in him further at the time. Miss Densley will remember having

Well, I'm going on Wednesday, but it's a regular invitation to dinner, so yet, you see."
"Hope to Heaven you never will be!"

"Yes. That was another odd thing her being at the hotel, alone with soverness, close to the busiest were of the year," grumbled Ince to him.

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This is the Question Would Like |A Have to Say.

The special corresponder as follows to his paper last The university site is a topic of conversation among ticians and prominent citiz large and influential deputat Moose Jaw has set the peo ing. The announcement that al train had been chartered one hundred citizens would d the railway city was not t seriously: Of course the persons were not in a posit ny the report, but they we ed to the opinion that by the deputation reached would be of much smaller I than had been announced. al numbers surprised every none were more surprised members of the government The concensus of opinio Premier Scott's reply to the tion does not give Moose J

reason to think it will ge stitution. The deputation is be an indication that Moos aroused, but it is not the it will be a factor to deter policy of the government e way or the other. That is pression among both memb assembly and private citize If a poll were taken members on the question they thought the university located Regina would b lead by a good majority. desire to see it located in er place, but yet they see it will be placed here. So, have gone so far as to sa site has been purchased; bu thorough inquiry convince the statement is incorrect. But there is a good sit

pect, namely that on wh now stands. It is loca southern part of the to from the parliament buil and together with adjoining perty which will be adde acquired, comprises pr acres. To the east of i ably a half section of land, on a part of which is soon to be built. If i to locate the university will be erected on the old It is idle to say that not enter into the sele site. It may be that the will be guided by the rec