curious termination have long ceased to be a subject of interest in those exalted be a subject of interest in those exalted Britain is passing into the hands of our gentleman entered, with a pleasant, cul circles in which the unfortunate bride- fair cousins from across the Atlantic. An tured face, high-nosed and pale, with groom moves. Fresh scandals have important addition has been made during eclipsed it, and their more piquant details have drawn the gossips away from this which have been borne away by these four-year-old drama. As I have reason to believe, however, that the full facts public, and as my friend Sherlock Holmes had a considerable share in clearing the mater up, I feel that no memoir of him would be complete withmemoir of him would be complete withmemoir. Miss Doran, whose graceout some little sketch of this remarkable ful figure and striking face attracted was grizzled round the edges and thin

riage, during the days when I was still sharing rooms with Sherlock Holmes in Baker street, that he came home from an with expectancies for the future. As it and light-colored gaiters. He advanced afternoon stroll to find a letter on the table waiting for him. I had remained moral has been compelled to sell his picindoors all day, for the weather had taken a sudden turn to rain, with high Lord St. Simon has no property of his eye-glasses. autumnal winds, and the jezail bullet own, save the small estate of Birchmoor. which I had brought back in due of my alliance limbs as a relic of my Afghan changing throbbed with dull persistency. With my body in one easy-chair and my legs upon another, I had surrounded myself with another, I had surrounded myself with lady to a British peeress." a cloud of newspapers, until at last, saturated with the news of the day, I ing tossed them all aside and lay listless, watchings the huge crest and monogram upon the envelope upon the table, and correspondent could be.

remarked, as he entered. "Your mornfrom a fish-monger and a tide-waiter." 'Yes, my correspondence has certainly the charm of variety," he answered, smiling, "and the humbler are usually the more interesting que Bhis hoke dikerone f. Those ensivelcome socialo laummonses which idad Tupani & man either to be bored! he chief social function He broke the seal and glanced over the

"Oh, come, it may prove to be something of interest, after all."

"New distribute of essionah!" Jari and d seen the 'throileoskhoans' goodwika' "Oneoff the highest and Hugland, Bes. I" 'My dear fellow, L congratulate you."

"I assure you, Watson without affecta- of the common tion, that the status of my client is a matter of less moment to me than the interest of his case. It is just possible, however, that that also may not be wanting in this new investigation. You have en reading the papers diligently of late,

"It looks like it," said I, ruefully, pointing to a huge bundle in the corner. "I have had nothing else to do."

"It is fortunate, for you will perhaps be able to post me up. I read nothing except the criminal news and the agony The latter is always instrucevents so closely you must have recent has been thrown into the greatest constout Lord St. Simon and his wedding?

"Oh, res, with the deepest interest."

"That is well. The letter which I hold in my hand is from Lord St. Simon. I yesterday, This is what he says:

place implicit reliance upon your judg-ment and discretion. I have determined, served by affecting to disregard what is "Now, what is your own impression as sult you in reference to the very painful that he even thinks that it might be of Clara St. Simon (the younger brother some assistance. I will call at 4 o'clock and sister of the bridegroom), and Lady any other engagement at that time, I hope that you will postpone it, as this Aloysius Doran, at Lancaster Gate, matter is of paramount importance, where breakfast had been prepared. It ST. SIMON.

"It is dated from Grosvenor Mansions, ten with a quill pen, and the noble been ascertained, who endeavored to lord has had the misfortune to get a smear of ink upon the outer side of his right little finger," remarked Holmes, as claim upon Lord St. Simon. It was only

e will be here in an hour."

footman. The bride, who had fortunately entered the house before this unpleassistance, to get clear upon the subject, ant interruption, had sat down, to a Turn over those papers, and arrange the breakfast with the rest, when she comextracts in their order of time, while I plained of a sudden indisposition and retake a glance as to what our client is." He tired to her room. Her prolonged about the contract of the contra down and flattening it out upon his knee. Simon, second son of the Duke of Balmoral-Hum! Arms: Azure, three cal- clared that he had seen a lady leave the gazed long and earnestly at it 1546. He's forty-one years of age, which be with the company. 1546. He's forty-one years of age, which is mature for marriage. Was under-secretary for foreign affairs. They inherit Plantagenet blood by direct descent, and Trides or the diet of side. He's which is apparented, be with the company. On ascertaining that his daughter had disappeared, Mr. Aloysius Doran, in conjunction with the pridegroom, instantly put themselves in the total the total than the total than the content of the content in t Tudor on the distaff side. Ha! Well, to communication with the police, and there is nothing very instructive in all this. I think that I must turn to you, which will probably result in a speedy Watson, for something more solid.'

"I have very little difficulty in finding ness." Up to a late hour last night, howquite recent, and the matter struck me as whereabout of the missing lady. There remarkable. I feared to refer them to you however, as I knew that you had an inquiry on hand, and that you disliked "Oh, you mean the little problem of

the Grosvenor Square furniture van, may have been concerned in the strange That is quite cleared up, now-though, indeed, it was obvious from the first. Pray give the results of your newspaper

riere is the first notice which I can' It is in the personal column of the Morning Post, and dates; as fougo see some weeks back. 'A marriage has been had caused the disturbance, has actually arranged,' it says, 'and will, lif rumor is correct, very shortly take place, between Lord Robert St. Simon, second son of the Duke of Balmoral, and Miss Hatty Doran, the oldy daughter of Aloysitis Doran, Esq., of San Francisco, Cal., U.

"Terse and to the point," remarked Holmes, stretching his long, "thin legs to-Terse and to the point," remarked

There was a paragraph amplifying this in one of the society papers of the a few minutes after 4, I have no doubt same week. Ah! here it is. 'There will that this will prove to be our noble client. She was passing the front pew at the

The Lord St. Simon marriage and its principle appears to tell heavily against only as a check to my own memory," the last week to the list of the prizes the mouth, and with the steady, wellproof against the little god's arrows, has his general appearance gave an un now definitely announced his approachpisode.

It was a few days before my own marfestivities, is an only child, and it is much attention at the Westbury House festivities, is an only child, and it is careful to the verse of forpishness, with high collar, black frock cont, white waistwhich I had brought back in one of my it is obvious that the California heiress

can most readily imagine, Mr. Holmes.
I have been cut to the quick. I undern the Morning Post to say that the mar- stand that you have already managed riage would be an absolutely quiet one. wondering lazily who my friend's noble that it would be at St. George's Hanover rrespondent could be to sometimes and that a dozen intimate from the same class of society." I frence as he external "Your mornal would be invited, and that the "No. I am descending." party would return to the furnished house at Lancaster Gate which had been taken by Mr. Aloysius Doran. Two days later-that is, on Wednesday last-there is a curt announcement that the wedding had taken place, and that the honey moon would be passed at Lord Back-water's place, near Petersfield. Those are all the notices which appeared before the disappearance of the bride.'

"Anything else?" asked Holmes, yawn-

"Before the what?" asked Holmes, with a start. "The vanishing of the lady."
"When did she vanish, then?" "At the wedding breakfast."
"Indeed. This is more interesting than

promised to be; quite dramatic,

"Yes; it struck me as being a little out "They often vanish before the ceremony, and occasionally during the honey-moon; but I cannot call to mind anything

quite so prompt as this. Pray let me have the details."
"I warned you that they are very in-"Perhaps we may make them less so." "Such as they are, they are set forth | y

in a single article of a morning paper of vesterday, which I will read to you. It headed, 'Singular Occurrence at a Doran?" Fashionable Wedding.' "The family of Lord Robert St. Simon

as shortly announced in the papers of read it to you, and in return you morning; but it is only now that it has must turn over these papers and let me been possible to confirm the strange ru have whatever bears upon the matter. mors which have been so persistently floating about. In spite of the attempts "In mining. He had nothing a few much public attention has now been "In mining. He had nothing a few years ago. Then he struck gold, invest-

clearing up of this very singular busi-

original disturbance, in the belief that,

"Only one little item in another of the

been arrested. It appears that she was

some years. There are no further par-

t for worlds. But there is a ring at the

Watson, and as the clock makes it

rning papers, but it is a suggestive

disappearance of the bride."

forth in the public press."

a common subject for conversation... to the "The ceremony, which was performed acter?" event which has occurred in connection at St. George's, Hanover Square, was a line nobleman swung his glasses a little with my wedding. Mr. Lestrade, of very quiet one, no one being present save faster and stared down into the fire. Scotland Yord, is acting already in the natter, but he assures me that he sees the father of the bride, Mr. Aloysius, Doran, the Duchess of Balmoral, Lord matter, but he assures me that he sees no objection to your co-operation, and Backwater, Lord Enstace and Lady a rich man. During that time she ran Backwater, Lord Enstace and Lady free in a mining camp, and wandered through woods or mountains, so that her Alicia Whittington. The whole party education has come from Nature rather than from the schoolmaster. She is what we call in England a tomboy, with a proceeded afterward to the house of appears that some little trouble was caused by a woman, whose name has not been ascertained. who endowed the caused by a woman whose name has not been ascertained. fearless in carrying out her resolutions. On the other hand, I would not have given her the name which I have the after a painful and prolonged scene that honor to bear"—he gave a little stately she was ejected by the butler and the cough—"had not I thought her to be at bottom a noble woman. I believe she is capable of heroic self-sacrifice, and that anything dishonorable would be repug-"Have you her photograph?"

picked, a red-covered volume from a line of books of reference beside the mantel-"Here he is," said he, sitting her maid that she had only come up to hotograph, but an ivory miniature, and hattening it out upon his knee. her chamber for an instant, caught up an the artist had brought out the full effect "Lord Robert Walsingham de Vere St. simon, second son of the Duke of Balthe passage. One of the footman dethe passage. One of the footman deeves and the exquisite mouth. Holmes trops in chief over a fess sable. Born in house thus apparelled, believing her to he closed the locket and handed it back

very energetic inquiries are being made, the last London season. I met her sev- of apology, and left the room. She never eral times, became engaged to her, and came back. have now married her.' "She brought, I understand, a considerever, nothing had transpired as to the able dowry?"

"A fair dowry. Not more than are rumors of foul play in the matter, and usual in my family." it is said that the police have caused the arrest of the woman who had caused the "And this, of course, remains to you, nce the marriage is a fait accompli?" "I really have made no inquiries on the

from jealousy or some other motive, she subject. "Very naturally not. Did you see Miss Doran on the day before the wedding?"

"Was she in good spirits?" "Never better: She kept talking of what we should do in our future lives." "Indeed! That is very interesting. "That Miss Flora Millar, the lady who And on the morning of the wedding?" "She was as bright as possible-at least until after the ceremony.'

formerly a danseuse at the 'Allegro,' and 'And did that she has known the bridegroom for her then?" "Well, to tell the truth, I saw then the iculars, and the whole case is in your first signs that I had ever seen that her ingly hot-headed, and devotedly attached hands now—so far as it has been set temper was just a little sharp. The in- to me. She wrote me dreadful letters were quite as prompt. My whole excident, however, was too trivial to relate and can have no possible bearing upon married; and, to tell the truth, the into a certainty.

"Oh. it is childish. She dropped her bouquet as we went toward the vestry, came to Mr. Doran's door just after we

again, and it did not appear to be the her of the matter she answered me home, she seemed absurdly agitated over was no good in making a row." this trifling cause."

nething perhaps of petulance about

opened eye of a man whose pleasant lot

impression of age, for he had a slight forward stoop and a little bend of the

slowly into the room, turning his head

from left to right, and swinging in his

though I presume that they were hardly

"My last client of the sort was a

'Oh, really! I had no idea. And

"What! Had he lost his wife?"
"You can understand," said Holmes.

suavely, "that I extend to the affairs of

my other clients the same secrecy which

"Of course! Very right! very right!

I'm sure I beg pardon. As to my own

case, I am ready to give you any infor-

mation which may assist you in forming

all that is in the public prints, nothing more. I presume that I may take it as

Thank you. I have already learned

rrect-this article, for example, as to

Lord St. Simon glanced over it. "Yes,

"But it needs a great deal of supple

I think that I may arrive at

menting before any one could offer an

my facts most directly by questioning

"In San Francisco, a year ago."

"Did you become engaged then?"

ald see that I was amused.

"Her father is very rich?"

"You were travelling in the States?"

"But you were on a friendly footing?"

'I was amused by her society, and she

"He is said to be the richest man on

"And how did he make his money?"

"Now, what is your own impression as

to the young lady's-your wife's char-

"When did you first meet Miss Hatty

"No, I am descending,"

which king?"
"The King of Scandinavia."

promise to you in yours."

the disappearance of the bride."

is correct, as far as it goes.

"I beg pardon."

an opinion."

"Pray do so."

the Pacific slope.'

"Indeed! You say that there was a gentleman in the pew. Some of the general public were present, then?" "Oh, yes. It is impossible to exclude them when the church is open."

"This gentleman was not one of your "No, no: I call him a gentleman by ooking person. I hardly noticed his appearance. But really I think that we are wandering rather far from the point.

St. Simon, then, returned from the wedding in a less cheerful frame of mind than she had gone to it. What did she do on re-entering her father's house?" "I saw her in conversation with her "Good-day, Lord St. Simon," said "And who is her maid?" Holmes, rising and bowing. "Pray take the basket thair. This is my friend

"Alice is her name. She is an American, and came from California with her." "A confidential servant?"

"A little too much so. It seemed to me

that her mistress allowed her to take this affair, the consciousness that she had 'A most painful matter to me; as you great liberties. Still, of course, in America they look upon these things in a effect of causing some little nervous dis-"How long did she speak to this Alice?" several delicate cases of this sort, sir,

"Oh. a few minutes. I had something else to think of." "Oh, a few minutes. I had something

"You did not overhear what they said?" 'Lady St. Simon said something about to use slang of the kind. I have no idea

abruptly, and in the carriage, on our way | She was quiet when she saw that there "Did your wife hear all this?"

"No, thank goodness, she did not." "And she was seen walking with this

"Yes. That is what Mr. Lestrade, of Scotland Yard, looks upon as so serious It is thought that Flora decoyed my wife out and laid some terrible trap for

"You think so, too?" "I did not say a probable one. But you do not yourself look upon this as

"Still, jealousy is a strange transformer of character. Pray what is your own theory as to what took place?"

"Well, really, I came to seek a theory, ot to propound one. I have given you all day. all the facts. Since you ask me, however, I may say that it has occurred to as possible that the excitement of made so immense a social stride, had the "In short, that she had become sud-

denly deranged? "Well, really, when I consider that she has turned her back-I will not say upon me, but upon so much that many have aspired to without success-I can hardly explain it in any other fashion.

Well, certainly that is also a conceivable hypothesis," said Holmes, smiling. "And now, Lord St. Simon, I think that "American slang is very expressive I have nearly all my data. May I ask

ity of something of the sort, and I had two police fellows there in private thing on very much the same lines at

very woman afterward?"

decidedly nautical appearance, and he carried a black canvas bag in his hand, dress. "Well, it is a possible supposition."

"And I feel dissatisfied. It is this in-

fernal St. Simon marriage case. I can make neither head nor tail of the busi-"Really! You surprise me."

"Who ever heard of such a mixed affair? Every clue seems to slip through my fingers. I have been at work upon it "And very wet it seems to have made u," said Holmes, laying his hand upon

ie arm of the peajacket. "Yes. I have been dragging the Ser-"In Heaven's name, what for?"

"In search of the body of Lady St. chair and laughed heartily.
"Have you dragged the basin of Tra-

falgar Square fountain?" he asked. "Why? What do you mean?" "Because you have just as good a chance of finding this lady in the one as

Lestrade shot an angry glance at my mpanion. I suppose you know all

about it." snarled. "Well. I have only just heard the facts, but my mind is made up." "Oh, indeed! Then you think that the Serpentine plays no part in the matter?"

"I think it very unlikely." "Then perhaps you will kindly explain how it is that we found this in it?" He opened his bag as he spoke and tumbled on to the floor a wedding dress of water-ed silk, a pair of white satin shoes and a bride's wreath and veil, all discolored and soaked in water. "There," said he, ting a new wedding ring upon the top of the pile. "There is a little nut for you to crack, Master Holmes."

"Oh, indeed!" said my friend, blowing "Oh, indeed!" said my friend, blowing blue rings into the air. "You dragged angry indeed, and I have been shame-"No. They were found floating near

the margin by a park-keeper. They have Holmes. been identified as her clothes, and it seemed to me that if the clothes were there the body would not be far off."

"By the same brilliant reasoning,"

"Yes, there are steps on the landing. If L cannot persuade you to take a lenient view of the matter, Lord St. Simon, I have brought an advocate here who may be more successful." He every man's body is to be found in the neighborhood of his wardrobe. And pray what did you hope to arrive at through he, "allow me to introduce you to Mr.

"At some evidence implicating Flora lady, I think, you have already met."

At the sight of these newcomers our

trade, with some bitterness. "I am frock coat, a picture of offended dignity afraid, Holmes, that you are not very practical with your deductions and your You have made two blunders in as many minutes. This dress does as well for his resolution, perhaps, for implicate Miss Flora Millar." her pleading face was one which it was hard to resist. "And how?"

"In the dress is a pocket. In the pocket is a card-case. In the card-case is a note. And here is the very note." He slapped it down upon the table in front of him. "Listen to this: 'You will see me when all is ready. Come at once. F. H. M.' Now my theory all along has been that Lady St. Simon was spoken to you before I went; but I was decoved away by Flora Millor and the spoken to you before I went; but I was decoyed away by Flora Miller, and that she, with confederates, no doubt, was responsible for her disappearance. Here, signed with her initials, is the very note which was no doubt quietly slipped into her hand at the door and which lured her within their reach."

spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was spoken to you before I went; but I was doing or saying. I saw Frank here again I just didn't know what I was doing or saying. I only wonder I didn't fall down and do a faint right there before the altar."

"Perhaps, Mrs, Moulton, you would her within their reach." her within their reach."

"Very good, Lestrade," said Holmes, while you explain this matter?" ughing. "You really are very fine inlaughing. "You really are very fine in-deed. Let me see it." He took up the the strange gentleman, "we've had just paper in a listless way, but his attention a little too much secrecy over this matter instantly became riveted, and he gave a already. For my part, I should like all little cry of satisfaction. "This is in-"Ha! you find it so?"

"Extremely soor I congratulate you and alert manner. warmly."

Lestrade rose in his triumph and bent said the lady. "Frank here and I met his head to look. "Why," he shricked, in 84 in McQuire's camp, near the 'you're looking at the wrong side!" "On the contrary, this is the right We were engaged to each other. Frank

"The right side? You're mad! Here rich pocket and made a pile, while poc is the note written in pencil over here." "And over here is what appears to be and came to nothing. The the fragment of a hetel bill, which in- grew, the poorer was Frank; so at last

terests me decoly.' "There's nothing in it. I looked at it before," said Lestrade. "Oct. 4, rooms to 'Frisco. Frank wouldn't throw up 8s., breakfast 2s. 6d., cocktail 1s., lunch his hand, though; so he followed me

"Should you be fortunate enough to "should you be should y "Very likely not. It is most important, all the same. As to the note, it is important also, or at least the initials are,

so I congratulate you again." "I've wasted time enough," said Les- he had as much as pa. So then I promtrade, rising. "I believe in hard work and not in sitting by the fire spinning fine theories. Good-day, Mr. Holmes, and we shall see which gets to the bottom we be married right away, then, said of the matter first." He gathered up the he, 'and then I will feel sure of you,

made for the door. "Just one hint to you Lestrade." drawled Holmes, before his rival vanished. "I will tell you the true solution of that we just did it right there; and then the matter. Lady St. Simon is a myth. There is not, and there never has been, any such person."

Lestrade looked sadky at my compan-

Then he turned to me, tapped his forehead three times, shook his head of him from New Mexico. After that

fellow says about outdoor work," marked, "so I think, Watson, that I must | months after. Pa thought I had a deleave you to your papers for a little." cline, and took me to half the doctor in 'Frisco. Not a word of news cam Holmes left me, but I had no time to be for a year or more, so that I "But I have heard all that you have lonely, for within an hour there arrived doubted that Frank was really dead. soon be a call for protection in the marriage market, for the present free-trade very much prefer having a witness, if There was a moment's delay, but the
sions toward my wife, and even threatenresurred, and she endeavored to push heard."

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"Without, however, the knowledge of flat box. This he unpacked with the help sions toward my wife, and even threatenof a youth whom he had brought with

Aberdeen some years back, and some jonishment, a quiet epicurean Murich the year after the Franco-Prus- humble lodging house mahogo sian war. It is one of these cases—but, hello, here is Lestrade! Good afternoon, a pheasant, a pate de foir gras pie Lestrade! You will find an extra a group of ancient and cob-web tumbler upon the sideboard, and there tles. Having laid out all these The official detective was attired in a genii of the Arabian Nights, with pea-packet and cravat, which gave him planation save that the things had paid for and were ordered to this

With a short greeting he seated himself and lit the cigar which had been offered stepped briskly into the room. Hi features were gravely set, but there "What's up, then?" asked Holmes, a light in his eye which made me think with a twinkle in his eye. "You look that he had not been disappointed in his

"They have laid the super, then," he aid, rubbing his hands. "You seem to expect company. They have laid for five." "Yes, I fancy we may have some com-pany dropping in" said he. "I am sur-prised that Lord St. Simon has not al-

ready arrived. Ha, I fancy that I hear his step now upon the stairs.' It was indeed our visitor of the morning who came bustling in, dangling his with a very perturbed expression upon his aristocratic features.

"My me senger reached you, then?" "Yes, and I confess that the contents startled me heyond measure. Have you good authority for what you say?"

"The best possible." Lord St. Simon sank into a chair and passed his hand over his forehead.
"What will the Duke say," he murfamily has been subjected to such humili-

"It is the purest accident. I cannot "Ah, you look on these things from another standpoint." "I fail to see that any one is to blame

I can hardly see how the lady could have acted otherwise, though her abrupt method of doing it was undoubtedly to be regretted. Having no mother, she had no one to advise her at such a crisis."

"It was a slight, sir, a public slight," said Lord St. Simon, tapping his fingers upon the table.

poor girl, placed in so unprecedented a

fully used,"
"I think that I heard a ring," said Holmes. "Yes, there are steps on the landing. If L cannot persuade you to here who may be more successful." He and Mrs. Francis Hay Moulton. The Millar in the disappearance."

At the sight of these newcomers our client had sprung from his seat and stood very erect, with his eyes cast down and "Are you, indeed, now?" cried Les- his hand thrust into the breast of his The lady had taken a quick step forward and had held out her hand to him, but

"You're angry, Robert," said she.

like my friend and me to leave the room

of it." He was a small, wiry, sunburnt man, clean shaven, with a sharp face "Then I'll tell our story right away."

Rockies, where pa was working a claim. pa wouldn't hear of our engagement lasting any longer, and he took me away there, and he saw me without pa knowing anything about it. It would only have made him mad to know, so we just fixed it all up for ourselves. Frank said that he would go and make his pile, too, and never come back to claim and pledged myself not to marry any garments, thrust them into the bag and and I won't claim to be your husband until I come back?' Well, we talked it over, and he had fixed it all up so nicely, Frank went off to seek his fortune, and

"The next I heard of Frank was that he was in Montana, and then he went prospecting in Arizona, and then I heard solemnly, and hurried away.

He had harly shut the door behind him a miners' camp had been attacked by when Holmes rose and put on his over-coat. "There is something in what the Frank's name among the killed. I faint Apache Indians, and there was my cline, and took me to half the doctors



BUT THIS MAID ALICE, AS 1 UNDERSTAND, DEPOSES THAT SHE WENT TO HER ROOM, COVERED HER BRIDE'S DRESS WITH A LARGE ULSTER, PUT ON A BONNET AND WENT OUT.

sometimes. And what did your wife do whether you were seated at the breakwhen she finished speaking to her maid?" | fast table so that you could see out of "She walked into the breakfast room." the window?" "On your arm?" "No, alone. She was very independent road and the park." "Quite so. Then I do not think that

in little matters like that. Then, after we had sat down for ten minutes or so, I need to detain you longer. I shall she rose hurriedly, muttered some words communicate with you." "Yes, her father brought her over for she rose hurriedly, muttered some words

"But this maid, Alice, as I understand, ing. deposes that she went to her room, cov-ered her bride's dress with a long ulster, put on a bonnet, and went out." "Quite so. And she was afterward

seen walking into Hyde Park in company with Flora Millar, a woman who is now in custody, and who had already ma a disturbance at Mr. Doran's house that am afraid that it will take wiser heads morning."

"Ah, yes. I should like a few particulars as to this young lady and your ner, he departed. relations to her."

"She was as bright as possible—at least need to be at the Anegro. I have a conclusions as to the case treated her ungenerously, and she has no conclusions as to the case institute that the case institute cause of complaint against me, but you know what women are, Mr. Holmes." "My dear Holmes!" you know what women are, Mr. Holmes, Flora was a dear little thing, but exceedwhen she heard that I was about to be reason why I had the marriage celebrated so quietly was that I feared lest there returned, and she endeavored to push heard."

"We could see the other side of the

olve this problem," said our client, ris-"Eh? What was that?" 'I say that I have solved it."

"That is a detail which I shall speedy supply."
Lord St. Simon shook his head, "I

bowing in a stately, old-fashioned man-"It is very good of Lord St. Simon to Lord St. Simon shrugged his shoulders and raised his eyebrows. "We have been on a friendly footing for some years—I launghing. "I think that I shall have a whiskey and soda and a cigar after all whiskey and soda and a cigar after all and some strength of the strength of used to be at the 'Allegro.' I have not this cross-questioning. I had formed my conclusions as to the case before our

> "I have notes of several similar cases though none, as I remarked before, which amination served to turn my conjecture Circumstantial evidence is occasionally very convincing, as when you find a trout in the milk, to quote Thoreau's example."

my heart that I

on, of course ut we can our make him . I glane glad or sorry lidn't drop. urning round ergyman we in my ea Should I scene in the thinking, lips to t d I knew As I dropped

hen he mad at my first night direct. "When I go always been to say nothin packed and n

ought to have but it was d ust made up explain aftery the road. He began walkin out, put on m Some women other about seemed to me if he had a fore marriag get away fre Frank. We away we dro taken in Ger my true wed waiting. Fra among the A on to 'Frisco, up for dead me at last o "I saw it American. church, but should do, and I felt as if I me to think sitting round waiting for m took my wedd made a bund

right, and tha selves in the talking to I Lord St. S laxed his rigi with a frown lip to this lor my custom ersonal affai "Then you won't shake "Oh, certa coldly grasp "I had he "that you v

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