ARTHUR GRIFFITHS.

Have you no advice to give? I shall

go and consult Sir Charles Collingham.

He is a man in authority, and can help,

"Well, miss, let's each go our own

oted down a description of the Fleur-

de-Lis just as I got it from the dock

CHAPTER VII.

AT THE ADMIRALTY AND LLOYDS.

the door, and, although I knew some-

thing of his ways from Willie Wood, I

hoped to catch him before he left home

It was not yet 10 a. m. He was out

already on his bicycle when I arrived,

but he came up, fortunately, just as I

"Come for news or brought some

hey, Miss Fairholme? If it's the first, I

can't help you-worse luck; if the oth-

er-and, egad, by the look on your bon-

nie face I believe you've something to

tell! Is that it? Ha!" He hopped off

his "bike" with all the alacrity of a

young man and led the way into the

"Surprising chap, that American!"

he cried in his brisk, abrupt tones. "I

suppose we're bound to believe him.

Actually did break in and all that, bey?

Anyhow, he's forwarder than we are,

for I've been down to Clarges street to

inquire if Master Wood had turned up

"Oh, but, Sir Charles, how could he?"

I said quickly. "And ought we to be talking, wasting time here? He has

been kidnaped, as you see. Surely it

is our business to follow up this clew

without a moment's loss of time. He

"And the papers-they will have car-

ried off the papers with them, you may

depend upon that. By the Lord Harry,

you are right! But how, how in heav-

that yacht? I do not see my way."

en's name-how are we to overhaul

"By following in another, to be sure.

will pay anything. Only do, please

"By Jove, you're right! If we could

have a fast cruiser now. Upon my

soul, I believe it might be done! If I

could only persuade them at the admi-

portance to recover those papers.'

ralty. It's an affair of national im-

We drove straight to the admiralty

in Whitehall, where the general was

admitted without question or delay.

We were soon introduced to a Captain

Pulteney, who proved to be naval sec-

retary to the first lord and a very

charming man, I dare say, but I took

a great dislike to him, for he began at

once to make difficulties, speaking, I

thought, in a sneery, put you down

"What could we send? There isn't

a ship," he said, addressing the others,

and seeming to imply that the whole

British navy had ceased to exist. "Be-

sides, if I could lay hands on a gun-

boat or dispatch vessel, what course

would she steer? What is she to look

for? The whole thing is a wild goose

"I think we'll see Sir George," re-

can discuss these points better with

him," and we again moved on, Cap-

tain Pulteney following, grumbling

But Sir George Fitz Hugh (he was

the first sea lord) sided with Captain

Pulteney. The information was too

vague; nothing was positively known,

neither about the papers nor about

"You see, Sir Charles, you have noth

ing to go on about those papers, were

have disappeared, as Wood has? And

you infer that the same people have

taken them both. How do we know

that? You take too much for granted.

Or, let us admit they were taken, how

do we know that they were put on

board the yacht? It is all pure con-

jecture. I should be very sorry to

act-to take upon myself to act; we

"When do you expect him?" I asked

impatiently. I was getting cross at all

these difficulties and delays, and I

could see that Sir Charles Collingham

was dangerously near losing his tem-

per. He only controlled himself by re

"He is always here in the afternoon;

takes the office on his way to the

house. You might see him, then, Sir

Charles, if so minded," said the naval

"The afternoon! Probably four good hours hence. Absurd!" I cried hotly, "when every moment is precious. Why, this pirate yacht has already

had 24 hours' start. Oh, come, Sir Charles! Let us go somewhere else. There are other ships besides warships

-steamers, yachts in dozens, for hire,

must wait for the first lord."

maining stolidly silent.

secretary.

"We

chase. I'm dead against it."

and growling all the way.

Captain Wood.

marked my dear general stiffly.

sort of way which was very irritating.

let us lose no more time. Could not

and drew blank, of course."

must be rescued, recovered."

we get a man-of-war?"

I believe. I shall tell him what you

have discovered."

number, you bet."

was asking for him.

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well as break into a house and stand the racket had better give

up the business.'

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"You see, miss, I can't afford to stick at trifles. My professional reputation is at stake, and the more I thought it over the more I hungered to get inside that house in Featherstone Gardens and this is how I worked it: First I set a close watch on the house, front and back, and found before midnight that no one had gone either in or out. I reckoned that there were not very many of them, and we mustered half a dozen, two of them practiced 'crooks'professional burglars, miss. We got into the house right enough-the crooks managed that-in half an hour. First thing was to lay hands on the caretaker. There was no one else in the house. He swore to that, and we soon saw that he was speaking truth, for we drew every room, ransacked every corner, turned out every cupboard, but nary soul was to be found. They'd all cleared out but this one critter. So I went back to him and threatened his life. He was very stiff, but a revolver is a mighty fine persuader, and pres ently he outs with the story; lies maybe, maybe truth, but good enough to make him worth keeping till we could

get some corroboration." "What was his story? Anything about Captain Wood? Did he admit

that they had taken him?" "You bet he did. Told us the whole game from first to last. The first we knew pretty well before; the last is that they have taken him out to sea in a steamer. The steam yacht Fleurde-Lis, auxiliary screw, 274 tons register, cleared from Victoria dock yesterday at 3 p. m. I've been there and verified it this morning."

"Already?" "Yes," he went on. "The yacht Fleurde-Lis, Chapman master, left the dock at 3 p. m. yesterday. They knew her well there. She was waiting, ready for sea, fires banked, blue peter flying, waiting only for her owner, and left her berth directly he was got on board. He was an invalid, came in a carriage to the dock side and had to be carried on board wrapped up in blankets.'

"Ah! Joe was right then." "A lady helped him, thought to be his wife, but she did not accompany him to the ship. She staid on shorevery much upset, they told me who saw her, and could hardly be persuaded to re-enter the carriage. But a gentleman



"So I went back to him and threatened his life." together. So the parties have split up. One lot are afloat with their prisoner, meaning, I've no doubt, to keep him away at sea, incapable of interfering, while the others carry on their spoliation in New York. That's how I figure it now," said the detective shrewdly. "I dare say you're right," I interrupt-

ed him hastily. "But surely these speculations will not help us. We've got to give chase to that yacht. How is it to be done?"

"You see, she has a tremendous

"No auxiliary screw can do more than eight or ten knots, I believe. Mother and I were in the Mediterranean last year with one of the best. Let us hire something faster. There must be plenty of steamers. I will pay any

price gladly," "Then we have no idea of what course the Fleur-de-Lis has taken." "There are signal stations all along the coast, I believe. We hear of ships being reported every hour almost, as

long as they are in sight of land." "She will fly no signals and will cer-tainly get out of sight of land."
"Oh, dear, dear!" I said, almost crying with rage. "You only make difficulties. It's too terrible to think of.

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I asked this possibly with some

warmth, for I heard some one say as we went off, Sir Charles and I: "My word, what a little fury!"
From Whitehall the general took me to Lloyds. He knew the secretary, he said, and something of the ways of the place-its wonderful organization and

the vast machinery at its command for knowing all about ships, almost from hour to hour. But the secretary, a grave gentleman, with a sly twinkle in his eye, shook his head very doubtfully when he heard the whole story. "I fear we shall not be able to lay

our hands upon that yacht-at least for some time to come-if she wishes to keep out of the way. We can track her down the river, of course, as far as Southend on one side, the North Foreland on the other. But if after that she steers a straight course eastward till out of sight, she will be lost

in the German ocean." He touched a bell on his table and

gave instructions to a clerk. "Communicate with signal stations down the Thames, and then with those way. But, see here. Take this. I've on the east and southeast coasts, and inquire for a yacht answering this description-it is the Fleur-de-Lis, in yard. It's the only guide you'll have in tracing her, for she won't fly her fact. She is registered here; you can verify her from the books. Ask if she has been seen or spoken with, and if so, what course she is on. That won't take half an hour. In the meantime, you might be inquiring for a steamer Sir Charles Collingham lived out to send in chase. That is your idea, is Kensington way in a new red house on it not?" and again he signaled in a Campden hill. I got there in less than desk tube, summoning another suborhalf an hour, for my carriage was at

"Can anything come of it?" asked

Sir Charles doubtfully. "Why not? You will, of course, have to send a posse of pelice in her. It will not be enough to overhaul her; you will have also to overawe the abductors-always supposing you come up with and can positively identify the Fleur-de-Lis, neither of which is very probable."

"It is just what I tell this young lady. We've got first to catch the boat, and then to be sure it is the Fleur-de-Lis, before we go a step farther."

"Exactly. Ah, Trevor"-this was to another clerk who now came in-"let me know with all dispatch what steamers could be hired for a special mission. Class of no consequence, but she must have a speed of 15 to 16 knots, and be ready for sea this afternoon. Price of charter by week or month, all found-crew, captain, coals on board. Sharp's the word, you understand? Who is going in her? You should have some police officers, in case there is any arrest to be made Perhaps you will see to that, Sir Charles?

"I should like to go in her;" I now

"My dear child." protested Sir Charles, "that is pure nonsense. In the first place, I think it is highly improbable that she will catch up the yacht. But if she does there will be some rough and tumble work-fighting perhaps. Those villains, after going such lengths, will not be very willing to give up their prize. It would never do for you, Miss Fairholme."

"I cannot bear to remain inactive. I want to be doing something." I contended.

"I expect you would be inactive enough on board the steamer." said the secretary. "Ranging up and down the waters probably, a wretched sort of cruise and always in ignorance as to what was going on at home. I think you would be wiser to find some other

outlet for your energies." At this moment the first clerk came in with a slip of paper in his hand. " 'A small steam yacht, flying no col-

ors,' he read aloud, 'was reported pass ing the North Foreland about 8 p. m. last night, and a steamer, the same no doubt, was seen from Beachy Head this morning at 5 a. m. Her course ap parently W. S. W. westerly. Nothing seen of her since. Start Point and Lizard have been warned specially to look for her and report."

"She is making for the Atlantic, I expect," was the secretary's commentary. "At least that would be a fair inference. But once in the wide ocean, who shall say what will become of

"Could she not be intercepted from Plymouth or Falmouth?" I suggested. What would you calculate her rate of steaming at the progress she has

"It's a good suggestion, Miss Fairholme. I should imagine the yacht would be off the Start soon after midnight and Plymouth by early tomorrow morning. I could wire instructions to they stolen, seized, whatever we Lloyds' agent to send out a tug, and may call it. Who can be certain of no doubt Sir Charles couldearrange for that, or of anything, except that they | police constables with search warrants and authority to detain the Fleur-de-

Lis. "That will I, by the Lord, and send an officer of my own besides. I have other reasons - official reasons - for



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