to take have ! w warm and even tender in her manner towards he was poor, that he was expected on duty, and so have he his but as often her mood would change, and she forth, did not help matters. Out of respect to his ever special cold and distant, or full of railiery and uniform, and to avoid an open scene, he had to go looke casm—a course of proceeding which soon reduced with them to the court-room, where the gallery sour in the large to the proper state, and made him was densely packed with a crowd of people. sour in the Harry to a very proper state, and made him was densely packed with a crowd of people.

After waiting some time, the lady had leave to treatmed before in fun. Fortune was kind to him in thave thing, and shortly gave him an opportunity of aking his mind.

To be continued.

+42+ The Cost of a Train.

Lawret young officer, coming hastily from a side of, was so careless as to catch one of his spurs the helady's train, and in an instant a great piece torn out of the costly but frail material of the

uest. beg a thousand pardons, madame," said the r, with a polite bow, and then was about passn, when he was detained by the lady s hus-

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You have insulted my wife.

Nothing was farther from my intention, sir. wife's long dress is to blame for the accident, h I sincerely regret, and I beg you once more ceive my apologies for any carelessness on my "Thereupon he attempted to hasten on." "... You have insulted my wife."

"Thereupon he attempted to hasten on.
You shall not escape so," said the lady, with lead thrown back in a spirited way. "To-day first time I have worn this dress, and it cost kne too le." hundred rubles, which you must make good." My dear madame, I beg you not to detain me. obliged to go on duty at once. As to the two red rubles—I really cannot help the length of dress, yet I beg your pardon for not having

more cautious. vay fon shall not stir, sir. The on duty is nothing to us. That you are obliged edula My wife is right;

ress must be made good.

e officer's face grew pale.
You force me to break through the rules of the ion

ion ce, and I shall receive punishment."
You hundred rubles and you are free. e quickly changing color in the young man's betrayed how inwardly disturbed he was; but ping close up to them both, he said, with apnt self-command:

You will renounce your claim when I tell you I am a-a-poor man, who has nothing to live ut his officer's pay, and the amount of that pay ly reaches the sum of two hundred rubles in a e year. I can, therefore, make no amends for misfortune, except by again begging your

ewr t all Oh! anybody could say all that; but we'll see s true; we'll find out if you have nothing but 21115 I declare myself not satisfied with M excuses, and I demand my money," persisted for lady, in the hard voice of a thoroughly unfeel-}tar woman.

That is true-you are right," the husband ed, dutifully supporting her. "By good luck have the open court now just in session. Go us before the judge and he will decide the

Il further protestation on the officer's part that lous with emotion.

As the lateness of "On the whole, very little. the hour, and being required on duty, compelled me to hurry, I did not notice this lady's train, rked that the time when the first open court of law office established in Russia, a lady, dressed with the most court of law which was dragging on the ground. I caught one office established in Russia, a lady, dressed with the most court of law which was dragging on the ground. I caught one most court of law which was dragging on the ground. I caught one most court of my spurs in it, and had the misfortune to tear that dresses, but perhaps now she might find herself more caused the long train of her rich dress sweep the dust disposed to forgiveness, when I again declare, so help me God, that I committed this awkward help me God, that I committed this awkward land. which was dragging on the ground. I caught one of my spurs in it, and had the misfortune to tear blunder without any mischievous intention, and 1 carnestly beg that she will pardon me.

A murmur ran through the gallery, evidently from the people taking sides with the defendant, and against long trains in general and the lady in

particular.

The judge called to order, and asked—"Are you satisfied with the defendant's explanation?"
"Not at all satisfied. I demand two hundred

rubles in payment for my torn dress.'

"Defendant, will you pay this sum?" I would have paid it long before this were I in a position to do so. Unfortunately I am poor. My

pay as an officer is all I have to live on."
"You hear, complainant, that the defendant is not able to pay the sum you demand of him. you saill wish the complaint to stand?

An unbroken stillness reigned throughout the hall, and the young officer's breath could be heard coming hard.

"I wish it to stand. The law shall give me my

There ran through the rows of people a murmur of indignation that sounded like a rushing of water.

"Consider, complainant, the consequences of The defendant can be punished your demand. only through being deprived of his personal liberty, and by that you could obtain no satisfaction, while to the defendant it might prove the greatest injury in his rank and position as an officer, and especially as he is an officer who is poor and dependent upon his pay. Do you still insist upon your complaint?"
"I still insist upon it."

The course the affair was taking seemed to have become painful to the lady's husband. He spoke with his wife urgently, but, as could be seen by the way she held up her head and the energy with which she shook it, quite uselessly. The judge was just going on to further consideration of the case, when a loud voice was heard from the audience:

"I will place the two hundred rubles at the ser-

vice of the defendant

There followed a silence, during which a gentleman forced his way through the crowd and placed himself by the young officer's side.

"Sir, I am the Prince W --- , and beg you will oblige me by accepting the loan of the two hundred rubles in question."

"Prince, I am not worthy of your kindness, for I don't know if I shall ever be able to pay the loan," answered the young man, in a voice tremu-