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THE LEACUE

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YNOPSIS OF PRECEDI RS: Jack Trowbridge, effon Castle, near Great impoverished b on the part of eir parents' death idge's and prop He is accepted, and leaves, du tention to call again next fails to do so, however, and Tails to do so, however, and Ja ing at his residence, finds he l turned there. Trowbridge c police, but no trace is found of man till the evening, when as ting in his room a note is through the window, recommend cail at the Mitcham Shipping O pool, if he wants information friend, and hinting that Ormi away. Jack next day visits L cordingly, but without satisfac. le making inquiries there, ces that he is being "share On his return he finds d'Alvaro, but the latter ed at the intrusion. alking in a private part atly admired, alone, and

CHAPTER V

Jack Trowbridge would be a hype ideed if he were to pretend t eceived the announcement of Mor 'Alvaro's name without a vast an astonishment. That gentlema e last person he expected to se onfess the truth, he was so a loss to understand to what hight attribute his call. He rose i liately, however, to meet his tenant sual, d'Alvaro was irreproachably l, and presented a handsome ace as he entered the room. His ir and beard, and his cold, black vere in admirable contrast with his ow complexion. Taken altogether vas a personality that would be o command attention wherever he i o. As Trowbridge looked at him viction was forced upon him is was not at all the sort of ma ould care to quarrel with.

"Good morning, Mr. Trowbrid Alvaro commenced, speaking in sh, with scarcely a trace of f cent. "As I happened to be pa this direction I took the libe ropping in upon you in order to small matter with you." "I am very glad to see you," Jacl ied, motioning him to a chair pe, however, it is not due to the hat there is anything wrong at Jastle that you have called to see "Oh, dear no!" the other answe with a smile. "To be candid, I h come to beg a favor of you. At the of what is cailed Long Walk, you member, there exists a wooden which, I am informed, has been h ip for many years. It opens, I tand, on a side road, and what I w your permission to restore it to

rmer use. Of course, at the expirat of my tenancy it might be made s again, should you desire it." 'You are quite welcome to de please with it," said Jack, not, ho without some wonderment that tenant should have come to see him such a trivial matter. "I fancy father had it fixed on account o

who more than once forced k, and entered the preserves from I trust that you have found g to your satisfaction at the Cast 'Most satisfactory," said the deed, it could not be more so. ve settled comfortably, and I am lingly obliged to you for all ible you have taken.'

I was only too glad to find a ge ant," was Jack's rejoinder. "I ha a trying to let the place for so but until you approached gh your agent. I had not had that was worth accepting. me d'Alvaro will enjoy her stay Pardon me, but there is no Madan

lvaro," the other replied, with de. "I am a bachelor, and I fear y to remain one." must beg your pardon," said Ja

at I was at the railway station we arrived, and seeing a lady with turally concluded that she was No," he answered, with a slight c

ion of his brows; "the lady you me is my ward." was evident from his abrupt a

speaking that the subject wa ether convenient to him, for he ately changed it by inquiring porting capabilities of the nei He mentioned that he wa y fond of shooting and also ended to hunt when the se round.

have never tried your English f ing," he remarked; "but I ed almost everything else, my an included, since I was a b to have the pleasure of meeting of the Hounds at an early trust he will permit me t ver I can in the furthering of

le sport." im quite sure he will," said . a hearty laugh. "Where his hounds are concerned, Beverill science. I believe he is the money-grubber in th ver sat 'n a saddle. He will y allow you to help him." shall be only too pleased," return aro. "By the way, I am extrem to hear this bad news about

by. I understand that he is a Ormby," corrected Jack. "Ye