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nobleman. When a man is lost it is my duty to ascertain his whereabouts, and as I am concerned, and so long as there is nothing criminal, I am much more anxious to give him information than to give him publicity. If, as I imagine there is no breach of the law in this matter, you can absolve and report the matter as a case of co-operation in keeping the facts out of the papers."

Dr. Armstrong took a quick step for the words of Sherlock Holmes by the hand.

"You are a good fellow," said he. "I had misjudged you. I thank Heaven that my conjectures were wrong. You are a man in his plight caused me to turn my carriage back, and so to make your acquaintance. I thought you were a man of this kind."

Stanton explained. A year ago Godfrey Staunton lived in London for a time, and he had been recently attracted to the lovely daughter, whom he married. She was as good as she was beautiful, and as intelligent as she was beautiful. He had been the heir of such a wife. But Godfrey was the heir of this erurbed old nobleman, and it was quite certain that he would be the end of his inheritance. I knew the lad well, and I loved him for his many qualities. I had been asked to come to help him to keep things straight. We did our best to keep the thing from everyone, for, when we were together, he was as good as dead before anyone has heard it. Thanks to this lonely cottage and his own discretion, Godfrey has been able to keep the matter secret. I was known to no one save to me and to one excellent servant, who has at present gone for a time to the country."

There came a terrible blow in the shape of dangerous illness to his wife. It was consumption of the lungs. He was very ill, and he was half-crazed with grief, and yet he had to go to London to play this match, for he could not get out of it without explanations which would

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