is no Moujik to deal with this time.

Russian embassy, from the secretaries of state and war and a dozen other offices. got to find out just what all this

means that the time has come for to fly," said Olga. "We have falled, have warned you. We have still entry of money left. It is time we foldour tents and stole away quietly. I lyou I feel it in my bones that there

a pit before us somewhere; and if you ree issues we shall all fall into it."

"The white feather, my dear?"
"There is altogether some difference

'I shall never give up. You are free to pack up and go if you wish. As for e. I'm going to fight this out to the

"And take my word for it, the end will

"O, I shall stay. You know that my future is bound up in yours. In the old days my advice generally appealed to

you as sound; and when you followed it you were successful. From the first I

advised you not to pursue Hargreave.

"Enough of this chatter. I've got to die some time; it will be with my face

toward this man I hate with all my soul. You trust to me; I'll pull out of this all

a fatalist. This man of hers had sud-denly gone mad; and one did not rea-

"What shall I wear?" she asked

stones. You will go to the box before I do. I've got to spend some time at the

curb to be sure that this Servan chap arrives. And it is quite possible that our friend, Jones, will come later. If not Jones, then Norton. I was a feel not to shoot him when I had the chance. We

ould have covered it up without the least difficulty. But I needed the information about that paper. With Norton

going to Washington and Jones confer-ring with this Servan, I've got to strike quick. It concerns us, that I'm certain,

Perk up; we've lots of cards in our sleeves yet. Be at the opera at 8:30.

Pay no attention to anyone; wait for Remember, I shan't write notes or

send any phone messages. Be wary of any trap like that to get you outside Jones approached Florence immediate

"I have important business in the city tonight. Under no circumstances leave

See what has happened!"

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Jim said nothing at first about his ad-Jim said nothing at hist and half an Washington." Was it necessary to keep that invis-

'No." said Jones. Would it have given our affairs a extradition laws." rious turn if it had fallen into alien

"Nothing much. I made a cigarette out of the letter and smoked it."

start?"

"As soon as you can pack your grip."

"That's always packed," replied the

"Washington?

"A new kink?" "What I wish to learn is this: Can a "Decidedly," answered Jones. "It man, formerly undesirable, take out naould mean flight for the Black Hun- turalization papers and hold to the prodred or a long time under cover, if our tection of the United States Govern-friend Braine learned that Russia was ment? That is to say, a poisoner, mennow taking an active interest in the doings of the Black Hundred. And eventually all our work would have to be done over again."

"Ah!"

"You look a bit mussed up. Anything "That will be easy. When shall I start?" now taking an active interest in the do- aced by Siberia, becomes an American

"Yes. I want you to interview those officials who are most familiar with the anything

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I'm going to try to point them out to him. It would satisfy me more than anything know to eliminate this precious trio in Russian fashion. It's thorogeneous troops and the member of the Black Hundred into the room. Almost instantly the Russian caught him by the collar and held him up.

"And take care of your own heels. You were watched at the hotel."

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ough; and once accomplished, good-day "What to the Black Hundred in America. The door?" organization in Russia has still some political significance, but on this side of ing to collect his thoughts. the water it is merely an aggregation of nerciless thugs." "I'll take the first train out. But you

"I know it; but the watcher could learn nothing. Henri Servan as a name of authority. will suggest nothing to the fool who fol-Jones chuckled. "I see that you have reporter. "You see, I'm eternally shunt- he was trying to peek through the key-

hole. That hotel, you know, still retains the old-fashioned keyholes."

e on my way to make that flyer.' The two shook hands and Jim hurried The butler watched him till he disappeared down the subway.

"He's a good lad," he murmured, "and brave lad; and money is only an incident in human affairs after all. I'll be a good angel and let the two be happy, since they love each other and have lover. proved it in a thousand ways."

nce or twice as he wrote, he thought he heard a sound outside the door. No doubt this butler of Hargreave's had of himself." for quick travel."

"The Russian agent wants Braine, outside might not become aware of his approach. Swiftly he swung back the for going to try to point them out to door and the member of the Black Hunger and the member and the member and the member of the Black Hunger and the member and the mem

The man did not answer. He was try-

"I'm a detective," said the man finally, thinking he saw his way clear. "And what did you expect to learn

"You were pointed out to me as a was huddled in his seat. smuggler

Servan laughed. "Show me your badge like to make some m The man fumbled in his upper pocket, replied the lowed me. Besides, we both knew that hoping against hope that the muzzle of

"You're an ordinary thief," declared the Russian; "and as such I shall instantly hand you over to the hotel authorities unless you tell me exactly who and what you are."

The man remained dumb. He hung between the devil and the deep sea. If he told the truth the organization would soon learn the truth; if he kept still he would be lodged in jail, perhaps indefinitely, for he hadn't a savory police record. Presently his nerve gave way in face of the steady eye and hand, and he confessed the why and wherefore he had sought the keyhole of Servan's room. "We are after this butler. Wherever

le goes we follow." "Well, you've wasted your time, my nan. All I am here for is to take over property Mr. Hargreave left in France for sale. I know nothing about your private feuds. Now, get out. But keep out of my way; I am not a peace-

The spy tumbled out as he had tumbled in, by an act of gravity; and Servan was alone. He spent two days in comparative idleness. Then things began to wake up.

For a long time the leather box across which was inscribed "Stanley Hargreave" lay in peace undisturbed. A busy spider had woven a trap across the handle to the quaint lock. The box was still bad's stained from its immersion in the salt water. At a certain time it was quietly withdrawn from its hiding place. It was stealthily opened.
A hand reached in and when it withdrew a packet of papers was also withdrawn. The box was again locked and lowered; and presently the spider returned to find that his cunning trap had been totally destroyed. With the infinite patience of his kind he began the weaving of another trap. Perhaps this would be more successful than its predeces-

Later Henri Servan received a telephone call. He was informed that his purpose in America would be realized by his presence at such and such a box that night at the opera. Further information could not be given over the telephone. Servan seemed well satisfied. He dressed carefully that evening, called up the of-fice clerk and inquired if his box tickets carefully that evening, called up the office clerk and inquired if his box tickets for the opera had arrived. He was informed that they had. Instantly the spy, who had dared to linger about the hotel, overhearing this conversation, determined to notify Braine at once. And at the same time, Norton, in disguise, determined not to lose sight of this man whom he had set himself to watch.

The spy left by one entrance and Jim by another. Jim had learned what he desired: that the Russian agent would be followed to the opera and that it was going to be difficult to hand the documents to him. The spy entered a drug store and telephoned. Jim waited outside. When the man came out he strolled up the street and entered the nearest saloon. Jim's work was done. It was Braine's lieutenant, however, who took the news to Braine.

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"Good!" said Braine.
"He will go to the opera. He will have who took the news to Braine. "We have succeeded."

the house. I shall probably be followed. And our enemies will have need of you far more tonight than at any previous time. I shall not send you phone or "To keep the maids in good humor, I uppose," laughed Jim. "Well, I must written message. You have your revolver. Shoot any strange man who enters. We'll make inquiries after.' "We are near the end?" whispered Florence.

"Very near the end."
"And I shall see my father?"
Jones bent his head. "If we succeed." "There is danger." thinking of her

"There is always danger when I leave Meanwhile the Russian agent settled lown before his writing portfolio; and ed with a smile. "And Jim?"
"He has proved that he can take care "Tell him to be very careful.

to the door obliquely so that the watcher sary;" and with this Jones set forth

"What were you doing outside my long time, but his patience was rewarded. A limousine drove up and out of A limousine drove up and out of the door came his man, about with casual interest. He dismissed the limousine, which wheeled slowly round the corner, where it could be con veniently parked. Then Servan entered

the opera. by looking through the keyhole of my The lights, save those demanded by traffic regulations, were out. The chauffeur

"My man," said Braine, "would you "How much?" listlessly. The voice

was muffled. "Twenty.

"Good-night, sir." "Fifty."

"Good-night and good-morning!" "A hundred!"

"Now you've got me interested. What kind of a joy ride do you want?"
"No joy ride. Listen."

Briefly the conspirator outlined his needs, and finally the chauffeur nodded. Five twenties were pressed into his hand and he curled up in his seat again. Servan entered his box. In the box next to his sat a handsomely-gowned young woman. He threw her an idle glance, which was repaid in kind. Later, Braine came in and sat down beside

Olga. "Everything looks like plain sailing," he whispered. Olga shrugged slightly.

During the intermission between the first and second acts, Servan took the rear chair of his box, near the curtains. Braine, watching with the eyes of a lynx, suddenly observed the curtains stirring. A hand was thrust through. In that hand was a packet of papers. seeming indifference, Servan reached back and took the papers, stowing them

away in a pocket. Braine rose at the beginning of the "Where are you going?" asked Olga "To see Otto."

"A bold attempt was made to rob Servan while in the box, but the timely arrival of Jim frustrated this plan. So Braine was forced to rely on the chauffeur of the limousine.

As Farrar's last thrilling note died away, Braine and Olga rose. "Be careful. And come to the apartments just as soon as you can." "I'll be careful." Braine declared easily. "You can watch the play if you easily.

When Servan entered the limousine he was quietly but forcibly seized by two men who had been lying in wait for him, due to the apparent treachery of the chauffeur. Servan fought valiantly, for all that he knew what the end of this exploit was going to be. One of the men succeeded in getting the documents from Servan's pocket.

"Done, my boy!" cried the victor.
"Give him a crack on the coco and we'll

a box. Doubtless they have arranged to deliver the papers there."

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"West my lord." To what particular this man's and of the papers. difficulty in doing. "So that's all fixed. "Yes, my lord! To what particular thi om Paris, I'll show the fool that he bus?"

He calls himself Servan and registers "The nearest, Jones: the very near-And what are these documents?"
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In ne nearest, Jones, the very nearest you can think of! Some day, when I'm rich, I'll hire you for my chauffeur. But for the present I shall expect at least a box of Partegas out of that hundred."

d Jones or his agents. That these pa-That is why I am going to get them if there has to be a murder at the operationisht. Norton has been to Washington. He was the washing to be a murder at the operation. He was the washing to be a murder at the operation. "Here we are! Out with you." said "If it is necessary."

Jim to his prisoners. He shouldered "It may be against Otto's pal. I don't on. He was seen coming out of the

"We thought something like , them into the police station, to the cap+ | know him." "What's this?" demanded the captain. 'Holdup men," said Jim. "Entered s man's car and tried to rob him."

"Uh-huh! An' who're you?"
Jim showed his badge and card. "Oho! Hey, there; I mean you!" said the captain, levelling a finger at Otto, "lift up that hat; lift it up. Sure, it's Fountain Pen Otto! Well, well; we've been lookin' for you for ten months on the last forgery case. Norton, my thanks. Take 'em below. sergeant. You'll be here to make the complaint in th' mornin', sir," he added to Servan.

And Jones and Norton and Servan trooped out of the station

At last Jones and the reporte coffee and teast. "You're a wonderful man, Jones, even if you are an Englishman," said Jim as he called for the check.
"English? What makes you think I am English?" asked Jones with a curious glitter in his eyes. "I'll tell you on the night we put the rollers under Braine and company." Jones stared long and intently at his young partner. What did he really young partner.

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