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instrument of others the latter had only spoken the truth.

"Give me time," urged Aram Kalfian hoarsely—"time to consult with those of whom I speak. Perhaps when they know the whole facts—when they realize that you have it in your power to denounce them—to bring them in conflict with the law—they may yield to your demands."

"How long will it take you to do this?"

"Some days at least; they are difficult to approach; even I do not know their real names. My message will have to pass from hand to hand."

"I will give you three days, but no more," said Dick, rapidly making his decision. "In three days I shall come again. If you are not in a position then to give me satisfaction, no power on earth will stop my denouncing you and your whole murderous crew."

Keeping his revolver still levelled at the head of the cowering figure, he fell back towards the door. When he had passed it, the doctor's bent figure gradually straightened—he waited till the heavy tread had passed along the passage—till his ears caught the sound of the closing door—then, springing to his feet, called loudly, imperatively—

"Tigram, Tigram!"

In answer to the summons, the man we have previously seen came rushing along from the back, and burst into the room. Seeing his master alone, he stopped and looked around with an air of amazement.

"Don't stand there gaping, you fool, but listen to me," cried the other harshly; and bending forward, he whispered a few short sentences in the man's ear.

An evil grin spread over Tigram's face as he listened.

"Right, master!" he exclaimed, and making for the front door, sprang down the three steps at a bound and looked eagerly right and left. In the latter direction in the distance he saw Dick Emberson's figure just disappearing, and with a wild sort of war-whoop Tigram dashed in pursuit.

(To be continued.)

Sol Interferes With Cupid

(Continued from page 7.)

"He is showing everybody a swell diamond fob what he says you give him and he's telling everybody to come to a champagne dinner what he'll give to all the bums what he knows as soon as he is married to you."

"Ach, I don't believe it!" cried Aunt Rachel, her black eyes blazing.

"Neither did we believe it anybody would have such gall," said Esther. "But Sol heard it himself. You should see it that feller, Auntie. He is a low-liver, too; runs around with people what aint very nice, and everybody knows they aint; and in one breath he talks about them, and in the next you. He brags how soon he will spend your seventy-five thousand dollars and—"

"Ah, ha! So that is the shoe what pinches you!" cried Aunt Rachel. "Mein m'zumen! Lies you tell it me about mein Ignatz!"

Sol and Esther stared at her in perfectly simulated amazement.

"Your Ignatz!" said Esther at last. "You don't mean to tell me that it's true! You aren't going to marry this baby?"

"Baby!" cried Aunt Rachel, defiantly, "he aint no baby. He is nearly thirty and I—I love him! We were going to keep it a secret a while yet. I can't see it how it got out, he promised—"

"Well, that shows how good his promises are. If he fooled you on that he will on something else. Are you sure you aint making no mistake?"

"Sure? Of course I'm sure."

"Aunt Rachel, will you do me a favour?"

"Tell me first what it is, Sol."

"You remember that there time when you nearly invested ten thousand dollars in that wild-cat mine?"

"Yes."

"Who saved you from that mistake?"

"You, but—"

"No use to tell you that wild-cat mines and bum fellers are a whole lot alike. Now, take it my advice this time, too, and let me look it this here feller up, before you have it any more to do with him."

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