DOCTOR JACK

Author of "Doctor Jack's Wife," "Captain Tom," "Baron Sam," "Miss Pauline, of New York," "Miss Caprice," tota

Doctor Jack comprehends exactly what this is intended to convey-he salutes the prefect, and moves toward the door indicated. Opening this, he finds himself in another room, where a little man, with a face very much like that of the first Napoleon, strides up and down, his hands behind his back.

who does not forget to advance and shake hands with him, in order that he may make use of the secret grip which is warmly returned. "You know who Abdallah Pasha is

He nods pleasantly to the American

and where he stops in Paris?"-Jack strikes from the shoulder, as is gen-Yes. Monsieur Evans. The Turk

has purchased tickets for the morning train-he means to leave Paris on the nine-twenty," returns the little man with the smooth face.

"The duse ! he would steal a march on me. Whatever is done to detain him, then, must be carried out in the

"You speak truly-what is your "To have him kept in Paris two days-three if it be possible. That will give us a fair start-he cannot

"Have you any plan Monsieur ?" Yes, and a good one, too, thanks to-" the other frowns warningly, and Jack adds-" the inventive powers of the human brane.

He proceeds to tell Monsieur Duprez about the secret clique that has long baffled the police of Paris, and the other listens quietly, just as if he has not lain awake many a night endeavouring to concect ways and means of discovering where this gang held

All is soon arranged-Monsieur Duprez is guarded in his promises, but Jack has faith in the man, and knows he will do even more than he says, so he hands over a comfortable roll of bills, and bids the other good-night.

"This way, please—we will not dis-turb Monsieur le Prefect again—he is trobably busy," and the sub-lieutenant orens a door, shows Jack a flight of steps, at the bottom of which is a door, and this, as he opens it, takes him to the street.

All that has happened in the last half hour hes seemed like a dreamhe looks up at the sombre houses as though he can hardly believe his senses, but not ten yards away is the vericle that brought him there.

Jack laughs softly to himself at the success of his midnight venture, and walks toward the carriage-he has done his part well, and there is little reason to believe those who have been intrusted with the rest will fail in their mission. Nearly five hours still remain before morning, and great things can be done in that time.

Reaching the vehicle, he finds his man inside fast asleep, but he is soon aroused, and mounts his box, wondering, of course, what the American traveller can have in common with the prefect of the police that he should visit that high functionary at such an

So Jack finally reaches his hot again, and retires to snatch a few hours' sleep-he expects to be on the road with the morning, and after that rest will be a stranger to him most of

In his portmanteau he has a diminu tive clock, which he carries with him always. The alarm he sets for seven as he desires to get the others up, and everything ready. It was the inten-tion of the Pasha to take the ninetwenty express out of Paris-Jack and his party will board the train early, with a double object in view, the first part of which is the fact that they cannot leave Paris earlier, and then again it will be easy to learn whether the trap has been sprung. If Abdallah Fasha does not show up at the station for that train, Jack is ready to accept the matter as settled that the Turk is at that moment held in durance vile by a remnant of the once famous catacomb clique, who demand for his release a heavy rankom, and will be in no great hurry to collect it, possibly giving him a chance to escape after

Jack th. ows himself on the bed only partially disrobed, and in three minu tes is fast asleep—such is the severe strain that has been of late upon his rervous system that he tosses about censiderably, but does not once awaken until the faithful little clock, placed close to his head, rings out its silvery

At the first not; of alarm Jack sit up, rubs his eyes, notes the time, for the gas, shough turned low, has been kept burning, and then stretching, proceeds to dash some cold water in his face to chase the drowsiness away. Upon raising the curtain a little later he finds it is broad daylight. The sun has failed to show himself, as clouds hang low, threatening a deluge

at any moment. When Jack has dressed and com pleted his packing, his next move is to arouse the others.

A few words with Larry is enough to let him know what the game is and in turn he communicates it to the ladies, who have the room adjoining his, with a door between

Meanwhile Doctor Jack goes below and hires a vehicle to take them all to the station in good time for the nine-twenty train east.

Then he waits around until Larry appears, of course inquisitive concerning the reason of this unexpected move, for when they separated on the preceding night there was nothing said about leaving Paris in the morn-

Jack soon tells the story, and is cor plimented by the dude on his fore thought-he does not even smile while Larry speaks, although chuckling inwardly at the queer conceit

Then the ladies appear, and Jack dazzled by the bright smile of Avis Merton. How bewitching she looksno wonder the Turk has been smitter by such a bright face and beautiful figure-Jack feels as though he himself would go through fire and flood in

As the Turk comes into mind, he wonders how the plan succeeded, and what that worthy thinks by this time of his subterranean quarters-for Jack never dreams that the plans of Monsieur the Sub-lieutenant could go astray, or that Abdallah Pasha can be anywhere than in the net.

They go in to breakfast, which can

the table they dally nearly an hour, since time must clapse ore they can go to the station. Jack does not fail to note how well Avis graces the end of the table, and handles the coffee urn with such skill that he pictures to himself-poor fellow, it shows how bacly he is caught at last-that same graceful figure seated at the table in an establishment cwned by a certain Jack Evans, called a doctor by his riends because he graduated as such and practised in the hospitals of Germany. Somehow, the thought of such a possible happiness in the future makes him smile, and she, noticing his

she imagines he is regarding guilty ecrets in her face. At length breakfast ends-it is after ight and the carriage awaits them at the door. Jack has given ordersthe luggage is already down, so that all they have to do is to put on their

glance, turns rosy red, just as though

outside wraps and leave the hotel. Avis has become grave-she seldom miles now, for there is a weight upon her mind. In leaving gay Paris she remembers the danger that lies ahead their mission must occupy all thought now to the exclusion of everything

The ride to the station is almost a silent one-outside the rain patters down-then the sun breaks out, to be ollowed by another shower-it is just such an April weather day as we are accustomed to here, and yet the winter has hardly flown.

It is early yet-Doctor Jack has come long before the scheduled time for the train to leave in order to ascertain the truth about the Pasha. He walks up and down the platform smoking-Avis remembers the scene in Madrid, where he did exactly the same thing, and hopes they will not have the same trouble en route that came to them in

Watching closely, Jack fails to disover anything of the party for whom e looks-the Pacha has not turned up. Nearer comes the time for starting, and still there are no signs of the

No wonder Avis' eyes follow him as he walks up and down the platform. There is nothing of false pride in his nanner, no strut such as a vain man might show, but for all he has a firm, nanly carriage, that indicates self reliance and independence.

She is proud of him, and exceedingly glad to remember that he is her friend -that he has devoted himself to her cause. She has such confidence in Doctor Jack that it seems impossible any enterprise can fall which he backs with his indomitable will power. The man who conquered the black toro, and defeated the plots of the scheming Carlists, must surely be a master in the game now before them, and will discover some means whereby Aleck may be rescued from his awful posi-

Then she remembers how she saw the disguired Mercedes approach him. Will she still follow, or is the game to be dropped at Paris? Unconsciousy she, too, begins to glance beyond. and survey the people who pass in review, but she is not looking for the seme party as Jack-he seeks the red fez and bronzed face of the Turk, while Avis is endeavouring to discover under some disguise, the most dazzling black eyes she ever met. Not that she is jealous of Jack-she believes every word he has told her with regard to Mercedes, and yet somehow Avis feels that the Spanish woman does not mean to give up the game

More time passes—she wishes the ong would sound, and Jack climb into the carriage. When this occurs she will feel better satisfied-as though be really belonged to her. As it is, Avis is in a continual rervous state lest something should occur to prevent his going with them-a number of things seem to flash into her mind-a telegram may be handed him requiring his attention on some grave business matter, or perhaps the crafty Pasha may prefer a charge against him, and the police arrest the American just before the train moves out. These things may seem foolish, but they are one and all within the range of possibility, and in her present frame of mind Avis can

invest each with an air of truth. So she holds her watch in her hand and casts many an anxious look upon it. Evidently Jack is preoccupied with his thoughts, for he passes the window a number of times without looking up meet her eyes.

Finally he does so, and smiles in return for the look she wafts him. He draws near, and Avis lowers the sash to speak

"Is it not nearly time, doctor ?" she

"Two minutes more, I think we will start out on time, which is a good beginning. See how they toss the luggage into the van. We can't say much worse of our baggage-smashers at home. There comes the man in charge of the train-note the proud step-Jove, a little authority makes fools of some men. A conductor on our side of the big pond attempting such dignity would be unmercifully guyed, I tell you."

Avis herself has to laugh at the pompous Frenchman-she sees he is the Grand Mogul-guards cringe before him, and seowl behind his back. Jack has already bought up the fellow with whom they will deal, and as the compartment has its allotted quartette, there is no danger of their privacy being intruded upon, which is the main cause for dissatisfaction with the European method of travelling firstclass-you must either pay for the entire compartment or have disagreeable fellow passengers thrust in with you, unless wise enough to tip the guard heavily.

The rush now becomes a scramble as belated travellers seek to get their tickets, look after luggage, and find accommodations. Many ludicrous scenes are always occurring at a time like this, and although it seems in a measure heartless to laugh, those who have a keen sense of the ridiculous cannot avoid smiling at the odd pict ures presented

As the critical moment draws nearer the excitement increases-its equal cannot be found on the globe, for in the main these people are excitable Frenchmen, and even the common-places of life are rendered with dramatic fervour by the Gaul.

The magnate sweeps his electric gaze up and down the station, glances around to see that all eyes are upor nim, holds his arm suspended in mid air for just ten seconds, then, describing a grand parabolic sweep, it de-scends, the clang of a gong is heard, guards cry, "all aboard" French, and there is one last spas-modic effort on the part of the delin-

ents to gain some carriage. Doctor Jack smiles—he has reason to feel satisfied, for not a trace of the pasha has he seen, which in itself is evidence that the Turk has fallen into the hands of the enemy.

Te tosses away his cigar, and turns to enter the carriage, when a hand is laid on his arm. Avis gives a gasp of alarm as she sees a tall Frenchman in citizen's garb thus prevent the American from entering-she believes her worst fears are about to be realiz ed, and Doctor Jack will be dragged off to jail on some trumped up charge -anything in order to separate him from the rest.

To her satisfaction, however, while she clutches the ledge of the window and holds her breath to catch what said, she hears in French Doctor Jack Evans, I believe ?

"Correct-you have-"This," and thrusting a paper into Jack's hand the tall Frenchman strides away. There is no time to lose, and Doctor

Jack enters the carriage—the train moves out of station, and presently they are sweeping through the outskirts of the great French capital. Although suspecting what the mes-

sage is-Jack glances at it eagerlythe writing is French, but he reads it like a native. No name signed-he nceds none: "The pasha will not leave Paris today- he has changed his mind, and is paying a visit to underground Paris,

which charms him so much he may desire to spend several days in exploring the mysteries described by Victor Hugo. Send your address-may warn you of his filling."

CHAPTER XIX.

There are no secrets between the deoted quartette now-even Madame Sophie is interested in effecting the release of Aleck Morton, her favourite nephew, so Doctor Jack shows them the note, and they laugh over the lovely situation the Turk finds himself in this early spring morning. Now he must fume and fret at the detention just at this time when time is of so much value to him. Perhaps a glimmer of the truth may creep into his brain, and if so his sate of mind will certainly be anything but improved by the consciousness that his crafty emy has outwitted him again.

"What is our course ?" asks Larry, who has fallen back upon the cushions, and seems to be taking life easy indeed, the little man has a way of doing this quite his own. We shall take the most direct line

now open-there has been an unfor-tunate series of accidents happening lately that temporarily closes several To reach Vienna, and then Buda-Pesth, we must pass through Baden and other portions of Germany. Wait, I will try and mark our course this guide-book map."

So Jack busies himself while Avis So Jack busies himself while Avis leans over his shoulder looking on and offering suggestions now and then. A very pretty picture Larry thinks as he watches them through his half closed as well as all other diseases of the stores. eyes, and it would be a shame for any mach, liver, bowels and blood in 99 man to ever come between two who cases out of 100. seem to be so mutually smitten-so he nobly resolves to give up his own chances in the affair, and let Jack have a clear field-a resolution that does him credit under the circumstances seeing that he has three times asked Avis to have him and on each, occasion sent the New York girl off into a spasm of laughing for which she has always apologized, though declining to enter into any partnership arrangement with a cousin.

They are making good time, and before the day ends stop at a station on the border, where a customs official, makes a pretense of searching their luggage, receives his tip, glances at their passports, and they are free to Germany.

It is long after darkness sets in that they cross the historic Rhine, and feel they are in the heart of the German empire. Now and then the gentlemer step out at the stations to stretch their limbs and smoke. The night passes away. Once there seems a long delay, and Jack fears lest this, last method of reaching Vienna, may be closed to them, as there has been an accident ahead. In case it is a landslide, that may be hours and days being cleared up, he soon makes up his mind what they will do.

In Europe money will accomplish wonders, even as in our own country, end in the morning they may find a coveyance of some sort that will take them beyond the obstruction, where they can find a train.

Should this fail, one more course re mains-to pass down through the St. Sothard tunnel into Italy, reaching Venice on the Adriatic, and there taking a steamer for Constantinople.

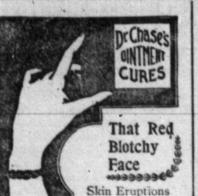
Thus Jack lays his plans and goes to sleep-he is awakened by a jarring motion, and finds they are on the move Good ! only an hour or so has been lost.

Morning finds them at Munich, and if all goes well they should reach Vienna some time before the sun goes down in the west. Breakfast is eaten here, time being given the travellers. Avis looks a little jaded, but she seems to stand the rack of travel upon a Continental railway wonderfully well, Jack thinks, as he helps her back into carriage. Again they are off, the Inn river, and along its bank, until finally another official ap-It is at Simbach, and they now on the border of Austrian territory. Travellers in Europe grow accustomed to these things, but they are a terrible nuisance, and we never realize what this business is like in the States until we have a yellow fever epidemic like the one at Jacksonville, Florida, in the summer of

Vienna at last, and all well. They are obliged to remain over night in the Austrian capital, as there is no train until morning. True, they might take one of the boats down the Danube, but this would be slow work, indeed.

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