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## THE PUPPET CROWN.

BY HAROLD MACGRATH.  
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Fitzgerald pondered over the other's lack of surprise. "What would you do if you loved a woman and she promised to be your wife?"

"I'd marry her," sitting down at the table.

"What would you do in my place, and Madame had promised to marry you?" puffed quickly.

"I'd marry her," answered Maurice, hanging his fist on the table, "even if all the kings and queens of Europe rose up against me."

"I had to bind her hands and feet and carry her to the altar and force the priest at the point of a pistol, which, in all probability, is what you will have to do."

"I love me," sullenly.

"Do you know who she is?"

"No. Who is she?"

"She is a woman without conscience; she is a woman who, to gain her miserable ends, will stop neither at falsehood, deceit nor bloodshed. Do you want me to tell you more?"

"Maurice, tell me nothing which will cause me to regret your friendship. I love her; she has promised to be my wife."

"She will ruin you."

"She has already done that," laconically.

"Do you mean to tell me—"

"Yes! For the promise of her love I am dishonored. For the privilege of kissing her lips I have sold my honor. To call her mine, I would go through hell, God! do you know what it is to be lonely, to startle in the night, to have hands, to dream of women, to long for them?"

"And the poor paralytic king?"

"What is he to do? What is he to do?"

"And your father?"

"What are my dear father's wishes? Maurice, I am mad!"

"You are a very sick man," Maurice replied crossly. "What's to be done of all these vows?"

"You are wanting your breath! Do you remember what Rochefoucauld said of Madame de Longueville?—To win her heart, to delight her beautiful eyes, I have been up arms against the king; I would have done the same against the gods! Is she not worth it all?"

"What is she to do? What is she to do?"

"Who?—Madame de Longueville? I thought she was dead these 200 years!"

"Damn it, Maurice!"

"If I will if you say so. The situation is equal to a good deal of plain, honest dealing. Maurice banged his fist again. "John, sit down and listen to me. I'll not sit still and see you made a fool. Promises? This woman will keep none. When she has wrung you dry she will fling you aside. At this moment she is probably laughing behind your back. You are brought here for this purpose. Threats and bribes were without effect. You might accomplish what the other two had failed to do. You know little of the ways of the world. Do you know that this house party is scandalous, for all its innocence? Do you know that Madame's name would be a byword were it known that she had been here more than two weeks, alone with two women? Who but a woman that feels herself above convention would dare offer this affront to society? Do you know why Madame the countess came? Company for Madame? No; she was to play make love to me to keep me out of the way. As that was, I never suspected it too late! Madame's name is not Sylvia Ambergach; it is—"

"The door opened unceremoniously and he walked the colonel.

"Your voices are rather high, gentlemen," he said calmly, and sat down in an easy chair.

CHAPTER XIII.

Maurice leaped to his feet, a menace in his eyes. The colonel crossed his legs, rested his hands on the hilt of his sabre, and smiled.

"I could not resist the desire to have a friendly chat with you, sir. You are a very curious creature."

"You have come cursed inopportune," snarled Maurice. "What do you want?"

"I want to give you the counter-signs, so that when you start for Bleiberg tomorrow morning you'll have no trouble."

"Bleiberg?" exclaimed Maurice.

"Bleiberg. Madame desires me to say to you that you are to start for that city in the morning."

"You are a very curious creature," said Maurice, "for you have caused us all these years of worry. Ah, my friend," to Fitzgerald, "Madame would be cheap at twenty millions! You say so?"

"I and I never suspected it."

Fitzgerald sent him a scowl. "You are damned impertinent, sir."

"Impertinent?" The colonel unceremoniously brushed his knees together. "Madame has been under my care since she was a child. Monsieur, I have a fatherly interest in her. At any rate, I am glad that the affair is at an end. It was very noble of you. If I had had my way, though, it would have been war, pure and simple. I left the duchess in Brunswick."

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## SLOAN PROVING A DISAPPOINTMENT

Gives More Attention to the Betting Ring Than He Does to His Work, It Is Said.

New Orleans, April 10. — Tod Sloan has been a decided disappointment.

When he got down to work in real earnest earlier in the meeting his friends were of the belief that he would very shortly take his place in the front rank of American jockeys, but his recent work in the saddle has done little to strengthen that belief.

The principal trouble with Sloan seems to be that he is unable or unwilling to bring himself down to the conditions with which he is surrounded. As a matter of fact, his conduct about the track compels the impression that he has more care for the speculative side of the sport than for his own professional part in what is going on. For him there has been an exception made to the rule requiring jockeys to confine themselves to the jockey-room from the weighing-in time, at 6 o'clock, until 10 o'clock, allowing the freedom of the track excepting during the time he is actively engaged with the colors on, and while there is undoubtedly some excuse for attaching anything suspicious to his presence in the betting ring within half an hour before he is to ride in a race, there are those who cannot discover the wisdom of making an exception of him for such purposes.

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San Jose, Cal., April 10.—From the way Lady Dillon is being worked, it would be hard to tell whether she is a champion or some young prospect, as she has been repeated twice, and the fastest mile credited to her since last fall is 2:40. This, however, does not mean that Budd Doble is not giving her work and plenty of it, for her daily portion ranges from 8 to 15 miles, rain or shine, and the greater part of this muscle-making process has been done over the pretty roads of Santa Clara county. One of Doble's chief aims with Lady Dillon has been to overcome that fretfulness and nervousness for which she has always been noted, and he has been handsomely rewarded, although his task has been tiresome and nerve-racking.

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