

of mist ascended, his face beaming through the vapor with benign felicity. Then he turned and looked at the other side, and the kettle reigned supreme until he thawed once more and the clouds ascended, surrounding him like Jupiter on the celestial mount. At that the kettle hummed more angrily, and the old gentleman's face beamed with satisfaction.

"A snug company, sir," he said finally, glowing upon the impressive face before him. "Like a tight ship, can weather a little bad weather. Perhaps you noticed our troupe? The old lady is Mrs. Adams. She is nearly eighty, but can dance a hornpipe or a reel with the best of them. The two sisters are Kate and Susan Duran, both coquettes of the first water. Our juvenile man is a young Irishman who thinks much of his dress and little of



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the cultivation of mind and manners. Then," added the old man tenderly, "there is my Constance."

He paused abruptly. "Landlord, a pot of ale. My throat is hoarse from the mist. Fancy being for hours on a road not knowing where you are!"

An aroma from the kitchen which penetrated the room seemed especially grateful to the manager, who smiled with satisfaction as he conjured up visions of the forthcoming repast. By these faintest signs he appeared a man not averse to good living nor one to deny himself plentiful libations of American home brewed ale.

"Next to actual dining," observed this past master in the art, "are the anticipations of the table. An excellent dinner is in progress, if my diagnosis of these penetrating fragrances be correct."

And it was soon demonstrated that the manager's discernment was not in error. There was not only abundance, but quality, and the landlord's daughter was on the guests, thereby subjecting herself to the very open advances of the Celtic Adonis. The large table was laden with heavy crockery, old fashioned and quaint. An enormous rotary carter occupied the center of the table, while the forks and spoons were an unusual circumstance of silver.

When the company had seated themselves around the board the waitress brought in a sticking pig, done to a turn, well stuffed and with an apple in its mouth. The manager heaved a sigh.

"The lovely little monster!" said Kate admiringly.

"Monster!" cried Susan. "Say cherub."

"So young and tender for such a fate!" exclaimed Hawkes, the melancholy individual, with knife and fork held in midair.

"But worthy of the bearer of the dish!" remarked Adonis so pointedly that the landlord's daughter, overwhelmed with confusion, nearly dropped the platter, miniature porker and all. Whereupon Kate cast an angry glance at the offender, whom "she could not abide," yet regarded in a certain proprietary way, and Adonis henceforth became less open in his advances.

These other aromas which the manager had mentally classified took form and substance and were arranged in tempting variety around the appetizing and well browned sucking. There were boiled and baked hams speckled with cloves, plates of doughnuts and pound cake, beet root and apple sauce. Before each of the guests stood a foaming mug of home brewed ale that carried with it a palpable taste of the hops.

"There is nothing of the stage re-past about this," commented the manager.

To which Kate, having often partaken of the conventional banquet of the theater, waved her hand in a serene manner toward the place of resistance and observed:

"Suppose, now, by some necromancy our young and tender friend here on the platter should be changed to a cleverly fashioned block of wood, painted in imitation of a roasted porker, with a wooden apple in his mouth?"

The manager, poised the carving knife, replied:

"Your suggestion is startling. We will obviate the possibility of any such transformation."

And he cut the "ambrosian fat and lean" with a firm hand, eying the sucking steadfastly the while as if to preclude any exhibition of Hindu mysticism, while the buxom lass, the daughter of the beefeater, with round arms bared, bore sundry other dishes from place to place until the plates were heaped with an assortment of viands.

"Well, my dear, how are you getting on?" said the manager to the young actress, Constance. As he helped himself, "Have you everything you want?" She nodded brightly, and the soldier, who was seated some distance from

her, glanced up. His gaze rested on her for a moment and then returned in cold contemplation to the fare set before him.

Yet was she worthy of more than passing scrutiny. The gleam of the lamp fell upon her well turned figure, and the glint of her eyes could be seen in the shadow that rested on her brow beneath the crown of hair.

She wore a dark lavender dress, striped with silk, a small "jaquette," after the style of the day, the sleeves being finished with lace and the skirt full and flowing. Her heavy brown tresses were arranged in a coiffure in the fashion then prevailing, a portion of the hair falling in curls on the neck, the remainder brought forward in plaits and fastened at the top of the forehead with a simple pearl ornament.

If the young girl felt any interest in the presence of the tactful guest she concealed it, scarcely looking at him and joining but rarely in the conversation. Susan, on the other hand, resorted to sundry coquetries.

"I fear, sir, that you find our poor company intrusive, since we have forced you to become one of us," she said, toying with her fork and thereby displaying a white and shapely hand.

His impressive blue eyes met her sparkling ones.

"I am honored in being admitted to your fellowship," he returned perfunctorily.

Here the dark haired girl arose, the dinner being concluded. There was none of his usual brusqueness of manner as the manager, leaning back in his chair and taking her hand, said:

"You are going to retire, my dear? That is right. We have had a hard day's traveling."

She bent her head and her lips pressed softly the old man's cheek, after which she turned from the rest of the company with a grave bow. But as she passed through the doorway her flowing gown caught upon a nail in the wall. Preoccupied though he seemed, her low exclamation did not escape the ear of the soldier, and, quitting his place, he knelt at her feet, and, with half turned head and figure gracefully poised, looked down upon him.

With awkward fingers he released the dress, and she bowed her acknowledgment, which he returned with formal deference. Then she passed on and he raised his head, his glance following her through the back looking hall, up the broad, ill lighted staircase, into the mysterious shadows which prevailed above.

Shortly afterward the tired company dispersed and the soldier sought his room.

CHAPTER II.

THE crowing of the cock awakened the French traveler, and, going to the window, he saw that daylight had thrown its first shafts upon the unromantic barnyard scene, while in the east above the hills spread the early flush of morning.

Descending the stairs and making his way to the barn, he called to Sandy, the stable boy, who was performing his ablutions by passing wet fingers through a shock of red hair, to saddle his horse. The sleepy lad led forth a large but shapely animal, and soon Saint-Prosper was galloping across the country. After a brisk pace for some miles he reined in his horse and, lecturing riding in a circuit, returned on the road that crossed the farming country back of the tavern.

The rider was rapidly approaching the inn when a sudden turn in the highway as the road swept around a windbreak of willows brought him upon a young woman who was walking slowly in the same direction. So fast was the pace of his horse and so unexpected the meeting she was almost thrown from the tramping feet before he saw her. Taken by surprise, she stood as if transfixed, when, with a quick, decisive effort, the rider swerved his animal and of necessity rode full tilt at the fence and willows. She felt the lift itself, clear the rail fence and crash through the bulk of branches. She gazed at the windbreak. A little to the right or the left, where the heavy boughs were thickly interlaced, and the rider's expedition had proved serious for himself, but chance had had no time for choice—had directed him to a vulnerable point of leaves and twigs. Before she had fairly recovered herself he reappeared at an opening on the other side of the willow screen and, after removing a number of rails, led his horse back to the road.

With quivering nostrils the animal appeared possessed of unquenchable spirit, but his master's bearing was less assured as he approached, with an expression of mingled anxiety and concern on his face, the young girl whom the manager had addressed as Constance.

"I beg your pardon for having alarmed you!" he said. "It was careless, inexcusable!"

"It was a little startling," she admitted, with a faint smile.

"Only a little!" he broke in gravely. "If I had not seen you just when I did—"

"You would not have turned your horse—at such a risk to yourself?" she added.

"Risk to myself! From what? A whimsical light encroached on the set look in his blue eyes. "Jumping a rail fence? But you have not yet said you have pardoned me?"

The smile brightened. "Oh, I think you deserve that."

"I am not sure," he returned, glancing down at her.

Staring between the lower branches of the trees the sunshine touched the young girl's hair in flickering spots and crept down her dress like caressing hands of light, until her figure, passing into a solid shadow, left these glimmering prisms upon the dusty road behind her. The "brides," or strings of beads

little muslin cap, flung in the breeze and a shawl of China crepe fluttered from her shoulders. So much of her dusky hair as defied concealment contrasted strongly with the calm translucent pallor of her face. The eyes alone belittled the tranquility of countenance; against the rare repose of features they were more eloquent, shining beneath brows delicately defined but strongly marked and shaded by long upturned lashes, deep in tone as a sapphire.

"You are an early riser," he resumed. "Not always," she replied. "But after yesterday it seemed so bright outdoors and the country so lovely!"

His gaze, following hers, traversed one of the hollows. Below yet rested shadows, but upon the hillside a glory celestial enlivened and animated the surrounding scene.

While the soldier and the young girl were thus occupied in surveying the valley and the adjacent mountains a hummocks the horse, considering doubtfully that there had been enough inaction, tapped the ground with restless hooves and tossed his head in mutiny against such procrastination.

"Your horse wants to go on," she said, observing this equine byplay.

"He usually does," replied Saint-Prosper. "Perhaps, though, I am interrupting you? I see you have a play in your hand?"

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BRITISH LABOR POLITICS.

Scarcely a week passes but reports appear in some of our British labor exchanges of the adoption of selected labor candidates for some definite constituency and the selection of further candidates who will fight labor's battles at the next general election. Bolton (Lancs.) is the latest constituency to be decided upon. Side-by-side with this activity on the part of the L. R. C. and other labor organizations a gigantic effort is being made by the Liberal party, true to its traditions, to secure candidates to place in constituencies wherever there seems a good chance of labor candidates being elected. In West Bradford (Yorks.), where at the last election the labor candidate was only defeated by 41 votes, a Liberal (Lancs.) has always been considered hopeless from the Liberal point of view, but the splendid pool of over 1,000 secured by Philip Snowden, L.L.P., at the last election has stirred up the dry bones of the Liberal party, and a candidate is to be run in Stockton (Durham) the selected Liberal candidate retired when he found how strong a hold the labor candidate had on the constituency, but another Liberal has been found to take his place, and the same performance is being repeated all over the country. The result is that even the most ardent members of the L. R. C. are stiffening their resolve and the feeling in favor of absolute independence is becoming stronger every day. A private letter to this effect from Mr. E. R. Hartley, late Clarion Vanner, says that the feeling for independent action was never stronger than at the present moment, and with nearly seventy candidates in the field, labor will give an account of itself at the next election, whenever it takes place.

There is every prospect of one of the Durham miners' candidates being placed in opposition to Sir J. Joicey, Liberal, at the next election. Sir James, who is a large coal owner, has chiefly distinguished himself in the House of Commons by his bitter and cowardly opposition to the Workmen's Compensation Bill, the Miners' Eight-hours Bill, and other labor measures which have come before the House. The miners think it time they had a representative from their own ranks in his place.

The Amalgamated Society of Engineers are balking their members on the question of subscribing 1d. per member from their funds to the maintenance fund of the Labor Representative Committee. There is little doubt as to the outcome of the ballot, which will mean that about £20,000 will be placed in the hands of the L. R. C. The engineers will pay the election expenses of three members of their organization at the next election.

Despite the fact that Mr. Kier Hardie returned to active work after his recent illness, it has now been found absolutely necessary that he should undergo an operation for appendicitis, and the last issue of the Labor Leader to hand announces that, on Oct. 22, he is to go into retirement preparatory to an operation being performed on the 24th. The doctors state that six weeks of absolute rest will be necessary.

The Labor Representation Committee on Saturday issued its sixth quarterly circular. It states that the parliamentary fund now stands at £17,078, double what it was three months ago.

The last accession to the ranks of the Labor Representative Committee is the Operative Society of Bricklayers. This brings the number of men affiliated to the L. R. C. to over a million.

As an outcome of letters made during the past few years, the Operative Society of Bricklayers has now a fund of £23,000 in hand for the purpose of running candidates for the House of Commons and local bodies. Twenty-five per cent. of this fund and all further accumulations is earmarked for the contesting of seats on local bodies.

The Countess of Warwick was appealed to for her support by both candidates in the Warwick and Leamington election, but decided to hold aloof from the contest. Her political sympathies are with the Labor party, and she has promised to appear in support of the Labor candidate in East Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

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