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Dawkins, and Captain Mannering staying with you?"

"Don't know the people; never heard of them. Do tell me what has happened to you."

Walking up and down the platform, Mrs. Brotherton proceeded to give Lord Finchampton an account of her experiences since her arrival the previous night. "I realise now," she concluded, "that I have been the victim of a well-laid plot to rob me of my jewellery."

"And I think I can guess where you spent the night," her companion added. "At Parrott Grange, an old farm house on my property. My agent told me some London people had taken it as a hunting-box. So it seems they were after something more valuable than foxes. It was cleverly planned, and naturally, arriving after dark, you could not see the sort of place you were coming to."

"The people seemed quite smart; I was completely taken in," Mrs. Brotherton confessed miserably.

It was arranged that the victim should go over at once to Hallaton, whence the police, both local and metropolitan, should be set at work.

And now a strange chance made their work comparatively easy.

The evening papers came out with a sensational piece of news. There had been an accident to the Calais-Paris train, and one passenger, a well-known figure in smart society, had been killed. His name was Harvey Bendyshe; and it became a matter of curious comment that he had upon his person between twenty-five and thirty thousand pounds' worth of ladies' jewellery. However much this fact may have been a puzzle to the rest of the world, it was to Mrs. Brotherton the rather startling solution of the mystery of her unpleasant experience. The jewellery was hers, she was able in due course to identify and recover it, while the society butterfly, Harvey Bendyshe, was revealed as a man who had made use of his social position to rob his friends and acquaintances whenever a chance occurred. He had been, in fact, the head of a gang of smart scoundrels, who had for years preyed upon society, and who, but for the accident, might never have been discovered.

"I thought," said Mrs. Brotherton, when discussing the affairs with her host, "the voice of the coachman who drove me from the station was familiar. It was Mr. Bendyshe in disguise."

"Ah," commented Lord Finchampton, "no doubt superintending the big coup of which he was to take the lion's share. Those who thought they knew him best always wondered how he contrived to live in such good style. I congratulate you, Mrs. Brotherton, on getting back the bulk of your valuables, and at the same time providing a solution of the mystery which has been exercising a good many of us for some time past."

Stuck Pig.

MOSES MENDELSSOHN, who was the victim of much abuse, but whose sharp wit always turned the tables on his persecutors, was once sitting in an inn where a number of cavaliers were feasting. They observed the philosopher, and in order to annoy him sent him a plate of apple parings which remained from their repast.

The philosopher accepted the gift gravely and seemed plunged in thought. Then the cavaliers suddenly noticed that there were tears in his eyes.

"Why are you crying?" asked one of them.

"I am thinking of something my dead mother once said to me," replied Moses. "When I was a child I had a very sweet tooth, and mother tried to discourage me. Once when she caught me stealing some sweets she said—'My son, if you keep on this way you shall have to be content some day with the leavings of pigs.'"

"But why are you crying?" reiterated the cavalier.

"Alas!" responded the philosopher, "her prophecy has come true!"



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