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syndicate Hoffingsworth Chase tolled faithfully, resolutely, for the restoration of order and system among the demoralized people of Japat.

With the transfer of the company's ward the business his work was finished. Two young men from Sir John's were now Cricket. I would be settled in Arasta selected advisorry to the company of the c settled in Aratat as legal advisers to the islanders, Chase having declined to serve longer in that capacity.

you do: I was cruis me up- P He was now waiting for the steamer which was to take him to Cape Town on his way to England—and home.

hands of a small army of caretakers. The three widows of Jacob von Blitz were now married to separate and distinet husbands, all of whom retained their places as heads of departments at the chateau, proving that courtship had come what not been confined to the white that he was eople during the closing days of the

The head of the bank was Oscar Araheimer, Mr. Bowles having been deposed because his methods were ven more obsolete than his coat of

Selim disposed of his lawful interest n the corporation to Ben Ali, the new cadi, and was waiting to accompany his master to America. It may be well to add that the deal did not include the transfer of Neenah. She was act for sale, said Selim to Ben Ali.

It was of Mr. Bowles that the three sons were talking as they stood it he evening glow.
"Yes, Selim," said the tall man

dannels, "he's a sort of old dog Tracever faithful, but not the right like You don't happen to know anythin dd dog Tray, do you? No? 1 19 Nor you, Neenah? Well, he

"Was he the one who was poisoned at the chateau, excellency?" asked

No, my dear," he replied seberly. "If I remember my history, he died in the seventeenth century or thereabouts R's really of no consequence, however. Any good, faithful dog will serve my purpose. What I want to impress upon you is this—it is most difficult for a faithful old dog to survive a change of masters. It isn't human nature—or dog aature, either. I'm glad that you are convinced, Neenah. But please don't tell Sahib Bowles that he is a

"Oh, no, excellency!" she cried ear a wonderful beauty, you know."
"Was to have been?"

added Selim, with conviction.

"We'll take Bowles to England with us next week." went on Chase dream-"We'll leave Japat to take care

He lighted a fresh cigarette, tenderly fingering it before applying the match. "I'll smoke one of hers tonight, Selim. See! I keep them apart from the others in this little gold case. I smoke them only when I am thinking. Now, run in. I want to be alone."

They left him, and he threw himself upon the green sod, his back to a tree his face toward the distant chateau "Cool off, old man. People are star-ling at you. Brabetz was shot three weeks ago at a hotel in Brussels. He'd ting there, looking across the moonlil Hours afterward the faithful Selim ting there, looking across the moonlit flat in the direction of a place in the hills where once he had dwelt in mar-

reread the letter that Lady Depping-ham had written to him just before the ceremony in the cathedral at Thorberg. He knew every word that it contained. He could read it in the dark. She had said that Genevra was oing into a hell that no hereafter could surpass in horrors! And that was ages ago, it seemed to him. Genevra had been a wife for nearly three months—the wife of a man she for him to come to her. She was suffering in that unspeakable hell. All this he had come to feel and shudder ver in his unspeakable loneliness.

her, in standing by her in those hours opened when it was too late. He re-pented of the marriage. The princess A copy of a London newspaper stuffed away in the recesses of his runk, dated June 29, had come to him

by post. It contained the telegraphic details of the brilliant wedding in Thorberga Every royal family in Europe was represented. The list of noble names seemed endless to him, the dower of the world's aristocracy. How be hated them! The next morning Sellm aroused

nim from his fitful sleep, bringing the news that a strange vessel had arrived off Aratac. Chase rushed out upon his A long, white, graceful craft was ying in the harbor. He stared long

and latently at the trim craft.

"Can I be dreaming?" he muttered, passing his hand over his eyes. "Don't lie to me, Selin! Is it really there?"

Then he uttered a loud cry of joy and tarted off down the slope with the speed of a race horse, shouting in the menay of an uncontrollable glee.

It was the Marquis of B.'s white the bar yacht.

with but

"You're loc in upon this

he said. "He and ent. Left Paris a month ago." deep anxiety.

"I think not. Servants are all there, I dare say. Their place adjoins the Brabetz palace. The princess is his niece, you know."

"You say the Brabetz palace is next door?" demanded Chase, steadying his voice with an effort.

"Yes—the old Flaurebert mansion."

"Yes—the old Flaurebert mansion."

"Yes-the old Flaurebert mansion The princess was to have been the so-

last June, but of course you never heard of it out there in what's-the-

"Great God, man!" gasped Chase, clutching his arm in a grip of iron.
"The devil, Chase!" cried the other, amazed. "What's the matter?"

"He's dead? Murdered? Howwhen? Tell me about it!" cried Chase his agitation so great that Jame looked at him in wonder.

"Gad, you seem to be interested!"
"I am! Where is she—I mean the

been living there for two months, more or less, with the woman. In fact, he left Paris almost immediately after he was married to the Princess Gene-"Selim," he said, arising and laying his hand upon his servant's shoulder, his voice unsteady with finality, "I have decided, after all, to go to Paris. We will live there, Selim. Do you ungerstand?" with strange fierceness, a great exultation mastering him. "We with him. She'd found out what sort of a dog he was. They didn't have a honeymoon, and they didn't have a honeymoon, and they didn't have a bridal tour. Somehow they kept the scandal out of the papers. Well, he hiked out of Paris at the end of a week, just before the 14th. The To himself all that night he was saying: "I must see her again! I shall see her!"

A thousand times he had read and once. She's never to be seen anywhere. The woman shot him through the head and then took a fine dose of poison. It was a ripping news story. The prominence of the"-

"This was a month ago?" demande Chase, trying to fix something in his mind. "Then it was after the yacht

left Marseilles with orders to pick me up at Aratat."

"What are you talking about? Sure it was, if the yacht left Marseilles six weeks ago. What's that got to do

with it?"
"Nothing, Don't mind me, Arch. I'm

before the wedding bells ceased ringing. The grand duke got his eyes pented of the marriage. The princes was obliged to live in Paris for a cer tain length of time before applying to

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the courts for freedom. Gad, I'll stake my head she's happy these days!" Chase was silent for a long time. He was quite cool and composed when the deck of the

chase was silent for a long time. He was quite cool and composed when at last the turned to his friend.

"Apph, do me a great favor. Look out for Selim and Neenah. Take 'em to the hotel and see that they get settled. I'll join you this evening. Don't ask questions, but put me down here. I'll take another cab. There's a good rived, vectorder. rived yesterday fellow. I'll explain soon. I'm—I'm go-ing somewhere, and I'm in a hurry."

es. The Cricket way and picked of The volture drew up before the his-toric old palace in the Boulevard St. e. The captain way to call at s of some sort ble, I fancy, to

is necessary to m Marseilles the Cricket to him and in person, as fore his arof explain to se, old man. there. You in the taxi-You say nal estimate something I go to the lives in the I've got the likely to find I'm a bit of

tions. His fare hesitated for a moment, swayed by a momentary indeci-

"Attendre," he said finally. The driver adjusted his register and settled back to wait. Then Chase mounted the steps and lifted the knocker with

"Yes—the old Flaurebert mansion
The princess was to have been the social sensation of Paris this year. She's
a wonderful beauty, you know."

"Was to have been?"

"She married that rotten Brabetz

"What was it to mean to him?

le of her gown.

Inconsequently he was wondering whether she would be dressed in black.

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