

the people I do. Now, how do you account for that?"

Nobody seemed inclined or able to answer his question.

"Anyway, his victory was not a very glorious one, as it was largely due to distinctly false statements. It seems he swore he had no shares in the Eagle Potteries, while he was really a large holder."

"That is important, if true," said Grantley, "but let us give him the benefit of the doubt."

"We would, Bertie, but there is no doubt. The books shew it, and I was, and am still, a director. I am not running for Parliament, or how I should love to make it hot for him. He is the most insufferable cad I have ever known."

Hamilton Fitzmaurice delighted in this last bit of information and was preparing it already, with embellishments, for the dinner party he was going to that evening.

"By the way," said he, "what was the news you told me just as we were coming