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Sketch of the Man Who Was Largely
Responsible for the Downfall of the
Rudini Ministry—A Piedmontese in Whom
the King has Absolute Confidence.
When, something more than a year ago,
King Humbert of Italy, on the downfall of
the ministry of the Marchese di Rudini,
summoned Giovanni Giolitti to the Quirinale
and in the language of statecraft charged
him with the duty of forming a new cabinet,
it was said by those supposed to be in a
position to know that he was probably
the only man in Italy who could step into
Rudini's shoes with any chance of not being
immediately overthrown. The prediction
proved true, though the new premier soon
had a narrow escape from overthrow, being
sustained by so narrow a majority that he
considered it unsatisfactory and appealed
to the electors, which sent back a chamber
of deputies supposed to be largely in his
favor, but which proved on a test vote to
be closer than was expected.

Giolitti was largely responsible for the
downfall of the Rudini ministry. He was
minister of finance in 1890 under Crispien,
former colleague of Rudini, and was in
agreement with his chief on the tariff ques-
tion. He was minister of finance in 1892
under Crispien, former colleague of Rudini,
and was in agreement with his chief on the
tariff question. He was minister of finance
in 1894 under Crispien, former colleague
of Rudini, and was in agreement with his
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THE NEW MODERATOR.
Rev. Dr. Craig, of Kentucky, who presides
at the Bridge "trial."
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general assembly of the United States of
America, the Rev. Willis Green Craig, D. D.,
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A white, dazzling and bewildering
flash of lightning suddenly lit up the
room, the porch, the dripping alantus
and the flooded street beyond. It was
followed presently by a crash of thunder,
with what seemed to be a second
fainter flash of lightning, or rather as
if the first flash had suddenly ignited
some inflammable substance. With the
long reverberation of the thunder still
shaking the house, Courtland slipped
quickly out of the window and passed
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SALLY DOWNS
AN AFTER-WAR ROMANCE
OF THE SOUTH
BY BRET HARTE
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The overcast hastened for a moment,
and then unstrapped a revolver from
his belt and handed it to Courtland.
"Now, how many of you are in the
back of the house round the tower and
like this?"
"Only de men who've been banished,
sah."

"And do how you've been banished?"
"Marso Tom Higbee down in de market
reckoned it was high time fancy
niggers was done out de swamp, sah. I
allowed that loaders and boggers had
better root high when workin' folks
was around, and Marso Tom said he'd
cut my hair out."

"You said it was to protect ourselves,
sah," returned the negro, gloomily.
"Whut foh den did you drill us to use
dem rids in de swamp?"
"Tu defend yourselves together if at-
tacked, not to singly threaten with
them in a street row. Together, you
would stand some chance against those
men separately they could eat up,
Cato."

"I wouldn't trust too much to some of
dem niggers standin' together, sah,"
said Cato, darkly. "They'd run before
de old masters—they didn't run to de
Shuak!"
A fear of this kind had crossed
Courtland's mind before, but he made no
present comment. "I found two of de
armory rids in de men's cabins yest-
erday," he resumed quietly. "See that
it does not occur again! They must
not be taken from de armory except to
defend de town."

"Yes, sah."
There was a moment of silence. Then
it was broken by a sudden gust that
swept through the columns of the por-
tico striking the vines. The broad
leaves of the alantus began to rustle;
an ominous patter followed; the rain
had recommenced. And as Courtland
rose and walked toward the open win-
dow, its blank panes and the interior of
the office was illuminated by a gleam
of retarding lightning.

"He entered the office, bidding Cato
follow, and lit the lamp above his
desk. The negro remained standing
gloomily, but respectfully, by the win-
dow."
"Cato, do you know anything of Mr.
Dumont—Miss Downs' cousin?"
The negro's white teeth suddenly
flashed in the lamp light. "Yah! I re-
ckon, sah."

"Then he's a great friend of your
people?"
"Den he's a great friend of de niggers,
sah. I don't know about dat, sah, but
he's a pow'ful enemy of de Reeds and
de Higbees."

"On account of his views, of course."
"Deed no!" said Cato with an as-
tounded air. "Tess on account of de
vendetta!"
"Yess, sah. De old blood 'quell of de
families. It's been goin' on over fifty
years. De grandfader, fader, and de
grandfader, fader and brudder of de
Doomonts. De Reeds clipped in when
all de Higbees was played out, fo' dey
was relations, but dey was chewed up
by some of de Doomonts, first cousins to
de Doomonts."

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