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Sartin under her influence. She accordingly asked him if he would allow her to try whether her power was sufficiently great to enable her to put him under control.

"Well," replied Mr. Sartin, "I shall be most happy for you to try, if you like, although I am afraid you will find me rather a tough subject."

At this they all laughed, and the hypnotist proceeded to try her skill upon Bellerophon. The chemist submitted himself unreservedly to her spells, and in a few minutes was evidently completely hypnotised, and, to the vast amusement of his wife and daughter, was put through various laughable and grotesque performances.

"And now," said Annie Magnet to them, "before releasing him, I am going to whisper a 'suggestion,' as I want to see whether he can be influenced in this way to perform a certain act to-morrow at a certain hour"

She thereupon stooped down and whispered a few words into his ear, which were inaudible to Mrs. Sartin and Matilda, and immediately afterwards she blew in his

face, and, striking him sharply on the arm, released him from his hypnotic slumber.

Bellerophon rubbed his eyes, and looking in a bewildered way about him, professed, in answer to his wife's question, absolute ignorance of the antics he had performed.

"But," said Mrs. Sartin, "you will be doing something to-morrow which will surprise yourself!"

The next day Miss Annie Magnet might have been seen seated in the London express in converse with Mr. Sartin, who was at the station seeing her off. As the train moved out of the station he handed to her a heavy bag, which she eagerly grasped. She laughed heartily as she threw herself back in her seat, leaving him standing on the platform with a bewildered look upon his face.

Bellerophon Sartin, however, brightened up when the train was well out of the station, and chuckled contentedly to himself as he turned his steps homewards.

In the meantime Annie Magnet, whirling away to London, was eagerly unfastening

the straps of the bag which Bellerophon had handed to her. On the top of the contents, which seemed to be a number of small canvas bags, was a note. She tore it open and read as follows:—

Madame,—When you imagined you hypnotised me last night I was wider awake than you were. Consequently, I quite understood your "suggestion" that I should go to my bank and draw out £5,000 this morning, and bring the same to you, as you were starting for London by the twelve o'clock express.

I am afraid you will be somewhat disappointed when you examine the contents of this bag, but I have no doubt that you will be able to hypnotise the pebbles and sheets of paper, and suggest that they should turn themselves into gold sovereigns and bank-notes. I should most strongly advise you in the future to stick pins into your hypnotised patients to make sure that they are not impostors like—Your obedient servant,

Bellerophon Sartin.

P.S.—Kindly advertise my anti-tubercle pills wherever you go. Their price is a guinea a box.