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Karl, "but I am at a loss why you | refer the matter to me."

"We need your assistance," said ('yril genially. "Indeed! I had no idea my assistance was so valuable," retorted the

"Your position," said the Freiherr in his ice-cold tones, "anomalous and indefinite though it be, renders your co-operation essential to our scheme."

"What has all this to do with the day's routine?" asked Karl a little impatiently.

"Simply this," said the Freiherr, "you will proceed to the Cathedral riding on horseback, as chief mourner, directly behind the royal catafalque."
"So much I know."
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"So much I know."

"After the service in the Cathedral the body, as you are aware, is to be taken to the royal mausoleum at Einfalt. In that cortege you will ride, not on horseback, but in a sleigh seated next to His Highness the Archduke Cyril of Wolfsnaden."

"Indeed!"

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"That will emphasize the fact that the Arch-duke has been appointed Regent," went on the Frieherr, "and will give a quasi-royal sanction to the choice of the Rathsherren.'

ARL said nothing. It was quite obvious the course he was asked to adopt was extremely convenient for the Arch-duke and the Rathsherren, but it was not so clear that it would tend to increase his own popularity. To refuse heavy was different to the contraction of the course of t

ren, but it was not so clear that it would tend to increase his own popularity. To refuse, however; was difficult, perhaps impossible.

"Is that the only change in the programme?" he asked at length.

"No," said the Arch-duke. "There is another matter to which we have given considerable thought. Your mother, who has suffered exile and indignity for many years, is now in Weidenbruck. Naturally, she desires to be on those terms of maternal affection with her son which the exigencies of State have hitherto rendered impossible. Death has intervened, and, as is often the case, it brings with it the gift of reconciliation. We desire the ex-Queen to be re-established in the honorable position of Queen Mother, and to give point to her altered status we should like her also to ride in the sleigh with you and me."

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Karl was old enough to know that in the quarrel between his parents it was his mother who had failed in her duty. Also he knew that these changes in the routine, and the policy that underlay them, would be violently opposed by those whom he believed his best friends. Fritz of Friedrichsheim. General Mever, and Saunders. But he had sufficient wisdom not to offer a useless resistance. He knew that if the wise Saunders was present, invisible, at his elbow, he would say, "Yield! yield at once and with such good grace that you do not appear to yield. The time will come when you need yield no longer."

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"Both your ideas appear admirable, and the latter most charitable," he said bravely. "My approval may not be important, but it is certainly hearty."

Both men were betrayed into surprise, and Cyril darted a searching look at the youthful Karl, as if wondering whether he were an accommodating puppet or a preternaturally acute diplomat.

acute diplomat.

"Then that is settled," said the Freiherr in a tone of finality.

"And in the manner you wish," said Karl. "I shall be ready to start at the appointed hour."

In the Hotel Concordia a surprise awaited the Perownes. The procession was to pass the hotel, and they had arranged to view it from the balcony window. At ten o'clock, one hour before the cortege left the Neptunburg there came a knock at their tunburg, there came a knock at their door.

"Herein," called Mrs. Perowne.

A waiter entered bearing a large envelope on a tray. Mrs. Perowne opened it and uttered an exclamation of astonishment.

"What is it?" demanded Phoebe.

"Seats!"

"Seats! We don't want any seats. We can see from here." "Seats in the Cathedral," said the



"The proper study of mankind is man," says the poet Pope, and this epigram, like his countless others, rings with sterling truth. We are all intensely inte ested in each other, and the discussion of our fellow-m:n is candidly admitted to be a ruling pleasure.

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BY JOHN FOSTER FRASER. According to Mr. Fraser we are all snobs. The member of the Rural District Council likes to be taken notice of by the membe taken notice of by the member of the County Council, who, himself, wants it to be known that he is on friendly terms with the M.P. for the division. And so we find it in all grades of life.

# Men I Avoid,

BY ASHLEY STERNE.

Among the men Mr. Sterne avoids are the bore, the man who talks in the train, the golfwho tanks in the train, the goinghoul, and the man with an imaginary grievance. This last, by the way, is that well-known character of the local press, signing himself "Indignant Ratepayer."

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