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CHAPTER XXIV.

THE SELFISH PASSION. It was a miserable apartment. If degrees in comparison are permis- also in silence, then he said: sible under the circumstances, it was fearfully poverty-stricken. There was only one chair, backless and seatless; a rag of a curtain hung before told you," he said, stubbornly. out a cover. On the table itself were I am a mere government clerk." and a couple of scientific works, and a bundle of papers. A penny bottle of and then dropped to the floor. ink and a sheet of paper half written on lay beside them. An atmosphere look you up at once; but, at any rate, of poverty hung about the whole room. here I am." Clifford Revel looked around, and smiled with an air of satisfaction.

"Poor devil!" he murmured. "Yes,

ed it on its back legs, and smoked with sirous of helping you."

hard as if he had been in his own Because I had not a penny about

step, and Clifford Revel was not sur- that!" prised when the door opened and the

begone then; he looked far more fool to speak to you that night. more threadbare and rusty; the thin have done but for-" He paused. one of the most graphic artists we possess; his etchings on the human countenance are always masterfigure lounging in the broken chair, and he put his right hand behind him quickly, but not before Clifford Revel had seen that it held a half quartern-

"You here!" he said, hoarsely, and with anything put pleasant surprise. "How do you do, Nagle?" responded Clifford Revel, extending his hand. Instead of taking it, the young man drew his own hand across his forehead and leaned against the table, keeping his eyes fixed on the cool,

"What do you want here?" he said at last.

Clifford Revel smiled and raised his

"That's a strange question coming from a man who has given me his address and implored me to call." Nagle looked up with a troubled

"If you wanted to come, why have you not come before?" he demanded, feebly.

Clifford Revel laughed softly.

"Because I did not want to come. But sit down, my dear fellow. I've got your chair!" and he got up and at on the table, which creaked be-

"Sit down and have a cigar," and e took out and extended his dainty

Nagle looked at it wistfully, turned his eyes away, then looked againand yielded.

Only those who are smokers know the extent of the temptation which that cigar-case offered to the man who had not enjoyed a cigar for months, who never passed a tobacconist's without longing for a smoke. He took a cigar slowly, reluctantly, but he took it, and Clifford Revel smiled with satisfaction.

"A light?" he said. But the young fellow got up and reached a match-box; he would not be indebted for more than he could

He smoked in silence for a moment or two. The cigar was a good intense. Clifford Revel watched him

"I am sorry to see you in such bad

"Yes, yes, I know, and I'm ashamed mantel-shelf were cracked and brok- that I should have let so much time en; there was no carpet on the floor; slip by; but I have been very busy. and the common deal table was with- You know that I am not an idle man. Nagle's eyes went over the well-cut, fashionable garments of his visitor,

"I am heartily sorry that I did not

"Yes, but why?" asked Nagle, sus-

Clifford Revel looked hurt. "Because-you compel me to speak Then he dropped into the chair, tilt- plainly, my dear fellow!—I am de-

holf-closed eyes and masterly pa- "Why didn't you help me the night I accosted you-the night I told you Half an hour passed; he was not that I was starving, and I told you

comfortable chambers, and then there me!" said Clifford Revel, promptly. sounded a man's step upon the stairs. "And, besides, I was taken by sur-

"Yes, I know," retorted the young man who had stopped him at the Al- fellow. "You never liked to be taken by surprise. You were always cold He had looked seedy and woe- and calculating at college. I was a seedy and poverty-stricken now. The might have known that you would well-brushed black suit had grown have left me to starve, as I should

"But for what?" asked Clifford Revel, knocking off the ash from his cigar and eyeing his companion curi-

had about him, and he wanted me to Revel!"

go with his to his chambers." Revel, with suppressed eagerness.

The young fellow shook his head. "No! I have some shame left. I did not want him to see my face, and I was more than satisfied with what are, my dear Nagle," he murmured. self-possessed, well-to-do face of his

> Clifford Revel puffed at his cigar. "Then you think that he did not see you distinctly-would not recognize

"No; and I am glad of it. I should

"Well," he said, "I see you have

Nagle smiled coldly. "I remember you at college," he

judged me harshly."

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tress-even that of an old college torted. "But for the man who was with mate-and so I ask you again why you. I don't know his name. I shall are you here? I remember in the old money in his pockets, and he emptied friend of a man unless you needed them!" He paused a moment to stifle him to help you to the attainment of Nagle, sarcastically. his emotion, then went on, more some object. You were always cool, coolly: "He gave me every penny he and self-possessed, and clever, Clifford

He flung the cigar into the empty "But you did not!" said Clifford fire-place as he spoke, and went to

"And yet not half so clever as you Nagle, grimly. "You were a hard-reading man; took your degree with honors, while most of us were plucked, dishonored."

"And see what my cleverness has fellow, bitterly; "a miserable room in know him anywhere, but he would a miserable slum, with nothing but a loaf of bread"-he flung the loaf on the table as he spoke-"for dinner. Dinner! I have not broken my fast to-day! while you are prosperous; a ter from the cupboard. gentleman; the member of half a dozen aristocratic clubs; dressed in Bond Street clothes, smoking a cigar, and wearing a flower in your coat

> not, my dear fellow. But come, all this is at an end."

"At an end?" "Yes, if you like-if you choose." "What do you mean?" demanded Nagle, turning and facing him. Clifford Revel threw the end of his

"Simply this, that you can be of as

"Ah, I see! Assistance to you!" "Yes. I would not insult your in- Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

telligence by telling you that I came Fashion

"No, indeed!" ejaculated the young

"No. If I said so you wouldn't believe me, so why say so? No; I came here because I thought, and still think, that you can be useful to me."

"In what way?" demanded Nagle.

"Patience, and I will tell you. First, let me say that I am prepared to pay you well for the work I want done." The young fellow started, and the blood flew to his face, but left it again instantly, and paler than it was

"Judging by your preface it must be evil work and dangerous," said Nagle, eyeing him steadily. Clifford Revel shrugged his shoul-

"That all depends upon how one takes it. I am a philosopher, and you should be one, too, unless your misfortunes have taught you nothing, and, therefore, been thrown away. What one might feel inclined to call evil I, perhaps, should be disposed to call good. Desperate diseases demand desperate remedies, desperate straits require desperate actions. I wish you would sit down, my dear fellow. I want to talk this matter over with you quietly."

mechanically broke on a piece of the loaf and ate it, still keeping his eyes a "one-piece" model-with a sleeve on the cool, impassive face opposite that may be finished in wrist or elbow

Clifford Revel put his hand in his pocket and drew out a sovereign. "Don't be offended if I suggest that we take a little liquid refreshment with our talk. A bottle of wine will

assist us to digest the matter." Nagle laughed with bitter irony. "A bottle of wine! They wouldn't understand you at the public house at the corner. Wine! They don't keep it. Brandy, beer, gin-but wine!

and he laughed again. "Let us have the spirit which you think contains the least amount of local poison," said Clifford,

Nagle went to the door and called the grimy one, and nodded toward

gentleman wants brandy," and he pointed to the coin; he would not touch it himself. "A bottle," said Clifford.

over in her black hand suspiciously. and clattered down-stairs. Clifford looked around the room. "Seriously, my dear Nagle, this is

The girl stared, turned the coin

being touched by any story of dis- dence. laziness, it may be," he re

"Be improvident and dissipated longer." said Clifford Revel. "Take

until the brandy comes before I tell you. I am thirsty, and you—great
Heavens! how can you eat dry
to any address on receipt of 10 cents you. I am thirsty, and you-great

utes. Nagle eating his bread, but nevbrought me to!" retorted the young table with the change, and, still sus-

Nagle got up and took a cracked tumbler, a tin mug, and a jug of wa-

Nagle took up the bottle and deftly knocked the top off against the bar

Clifford Revel poured some brandy European Agency ford Revel, pleasantly; "but I have into the glass and mug, and pushed been careful of to-day and you have the latter across the table; Nagle pushed it back, but presently, as if he drank the brandy off at a draught.

Clifford Revel smiled "Now." he said. "to business. This is not bad brandy; take some more."

"Do you remember," said Clifford Then he looked at the haggard face Revel, pleasantly, "the theatricals we used to attend at college? You an actor in your way, you know." "I remember them! Well?"

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