A GIRL IN A THOUSAND

CHAPTER XX.

It was evident that Bridgewater, who never allowed himself to conjure up panatoms, had mapped out a delightful campaign, at the end of which success and fortune awaited the bo'd and confident yourses.

and fortune awaited the bo.'d and confident voyager.

In so doing he had not taken into consideration the rapid pace with which events moved, or the many obstructions that might beset his course.

As the hour was late, and lex had yawned a number of times, his friend announced his intention of proceeding to his own hotel.

Gratton insisted upon going outside and seeing him safely within a hansom, when they exchanged a hand grip and separated, expecting to follow a prearranged routine on the following day.

Events over which neither of them had much control changed these plans.

Rex found time dragging very slowly that, morning.

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Between his breakfast of a chop and

Between his breakfast of a ckop and chocols te, and the paper, he managed to reach nine o'clock without actually exploding, but his limit came, and he was off for Hyde Park.

Why, so fearful was he lest by some misadventure he might not be able to get back without delay that he would not allow himself to kill time by journeying on the top o? a Tous beyond the end of Pall Mall, but kept moving between that place and Charing Cross. many trips, looking upon the moving mass of humanity as though they were grubs, smoking innumerable cigars, and thinking of—Miss Madge, of course.

At length, at ten o'clock, he dropped off in front of the Marble Arch—true, there was balf an hour to spare, but she might be early, and he could not afford to miss this chance for the world, when his future happiness might depend upon it.

If famous personages rode past Rex while he lounged there, he knew it not. What to him were princes and peers, renowned beauties or actresses, whose names had girdled the globe, when all he yearned to see was a certain sweet girl in a dogeart, with room beside her for a fellow of his size.

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Promptly on time she came, a charming picture, he thought, capable of creating a sensation even in Rotten Row, where the world's beauty is on parade. And when he clumsily hastened to occupy the space she made for him a' her side, Rex thought himself the luckiest fellow in all London.

The conversation ran smoothly on for a time—a dozen themes were discussed, and Rex found himself in wonderful sympathy with every view she advanced, whether the subject were art, travel, religion, or friendship.

This latter offered an opening wedge—he had seen and heard of some cases of Damon and Pythias in his travels, and these he exploited.

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Then came the natural turn to the vows by which Free Masons resolve to aid a brother in distress, and after that Rex launched out upon the story of the mystic ruby, and Bridgewater's success in corraling the priceless gem.

Of course, one of his "bjects in so doing was to mention the strange bond uniting all who wore the insignia of the Order of St. Machael, and to tell how Ras. Ragoula yielded up a fortune because a brother claimed what had come into his possession in so strange a manner.

Perhaps all this might have had more Perhaps all this might have had more or less of an influence upon Miss Moors. Certain it is, she was deeply interested, and gave an audible sigh at its close. "I would that I, too, carried such a symbol, and could call upon a faithful comrade for assistance when trouble came. It must be delightful to feel that, scattered here and there, all over the world, perhaps, are strangers who at the grip of the hand or a signal made before you even come together, stand ready to be friends and brothers," she said, reflectively.

This was the opportunity the artful

This was the opportunity the artiul fellow had been yearning to embrace, and he pounced upon it even as a hawk might on a wandering dove.

"Why, believe me, I would esteem it the greatest pleasure of my life to start such a society with you. We could be the charter members, you know, and if it never gained another recruit, another recruit, a suspicion. the charter members, you know, and if it never gained another recruit, what odds? I have a suspicion that Bridgewater is tempted to join such a clan — the Iellow is taking a tremendous interest in Salvation Army doings of late."

"Oh, yes, because of Nance—you said he was very much concerned about her. She's a sweet girl, and her dreams are only of doing good to her fellows, and.

to know that the one upon whom you seemed to lean with confidence has shown herself in league with the enemy."

"Meaning poor Count Rudolf?" to hide her confusion, for there was a fervor in the look he cast upon her that caused her heart to beat faster than its wont.

"Your identification of the subject is correct, but I confess myself unable to understand why you refer to him as poor Count Rudolf." atiffly, "Isn't he to be pitied because debarred from admittance to the new society."

"But when you look back over your past, Mr. King, aren't there some odications, and the same that the same looking archly up at him with luminous orbs."

"By jove, so he is. Yes, poor, poor "Never!" he repeated, without a wink.

count, left out in the cold. I must try to look upon him with compassion, rath-er than the feeling one entertains to-ward a possible antagonist on the field of honor."

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"Oh, Mr. King! You would never be so foolish as that, I hope—the count is dangerous, they say."

"So am I, according to Bridgewater, as I think I said before—so are you, and everybody after his or her own fashion. I shall neither run after for away from the gentleman, and if he seeks satisfaction I may have a card up my sleeve that will surprise him."

"Then we are friends," she continued, as if anxious to again change the subject, the count not being to her queenly taste.

"Good friends, I hope; comrades in ex ile, far from our native land. Put me to the test, and see if I fail in any of the essential qualities that stamp a true Knight of St. Michael. Confide in me like a—er—brother, since you have

"You are very, very kind, Mr. King."
"Not a bit of it—only the greatest pleasure in the world to do anything for you. The favor is with me, that you even hearken to such a Quixotic proposal. Seriously speaking, Miss Madge, you are perplexed, distressed, by something."
Her blue eyes opened wide.
"How did you know—who told you?"
"Yourself—not in so many words, but by your manner, your looks. Something worries you!"

worries you?"
She seemed to reflect a moment.
"I will be frank that far, and confess
my nervous system has received a rude

"Ah! true comradeship begets confi dence, you know. Tell me, was it what I said last noght—am I to blame for your anxiety?"

your anxiety?"
"No, indeed; on the contrary, you did
me a service I cannot soon forget.
Though I suspected my aunt of favoring
that man, I had no actual proof until
you told me what your friend had
heard."

heard."
"Well, I'm very glad, for I'd never have forgiven myself if I were unlucky enough to cause you a had minute. Then it's the count, of course—I see I'll have to bring matters to an issue," grimly. She took the alarm.
"I beg that you will not have anything to do with the count. Think what it would be to me should such a thing get into the New York papers."
"And, incidentally, I might get the worst of the bargain—that would demoralize the new organization consider-

moralize the new organization considerably, and perhaps as a true comrade

"Indeed I would-please change the

"I beg pardon, you were right, you "I beg pardon, you were right, you are always right. Since you say it wasn't the count who gave you a bad turn this morning, am I privileged enough to ask who it might be! Perhaps he may turn out a fellow in my class, and whom you'll let me wrestle with "according to Hoyle."

At any rate, her humor had changed, for she smiled, and showed the prettiest white teeth he had ever seen, while she shook her head violently in the negative.

"Not for the world. I am concerned "Not for the world. I am concerned for his sake now; you are so big and strong, why, I imagine you could lift him up and shake him as I once saw a vicious broncho do a little Mexican, against whom he had an ugly feeling."

"A smart chap, an insignificant party, ch, and yet he bothers you?"

"Oh! so much. I'm actually demoralized whenever I think of him."

"Well now this must be stooped. I

"Well, now this must be stopped. I can't have you worried in this way—that is, I mean, I should be false to the claims of your brother, you know, if I allowed such a thin?"

"Well, who wouldn't be—it seems incredible."

"Ask Bridgewater—he has known me for a time. Ask Leonard Peyton when you see him again; ask old Judge Annesley, who has known me from the height of a duck, and dandled me on his knee many a time. One and all, they will tell you the same, that I was fond of all athletic sports, spent my vacations in the woods, tramped over great stretches ot country when I grew older, even joined an engineering party going to the Andes in South America, for I was educated to be a civil engineer; but as for girls, bless you, they were the last things in my mind."

She laughed, and he joined in—why, it was like the birds warbling in the wild woodland, that laugh of Madge Moore. "A regular woman hater, I declare," she said,

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that is, I mean, I should be false to the claims of your brother, you know, if I allowed such a thing."

"But you can't stop it."

"That's strange—you mean you refuse to permit me?"

"Because the remedy is more simple. I have only to leave London at once, and the persecution ceases—that is, unless he finds me again."

"Persecution? Well, after that I pledge you my word I'm going to lay for this rascal and give him what he so richly deserves. Persecution, eh?"

"Oh! no; you'll do nothing of the kind," sweetly.

"Then tell me why, please," stubborn-ly.

"Because—you see, you will—may possibly have reason to leave London at the same time."

The big fellow's nerves tingled all over—it was a delicious feeling, this sudden understanding that his presence had in some measure come to be essential to her peace of mind. Again he endeavor-eit to bee her face but it. "Oh, yes, because of Nance—you said he was very much concerned about her. She's a sweet girl, and her dreams are only of doing good to her fellows, and making them happy."

"Then he must begin with Bridge, or he'll be the most mournful chap in London, What a great thing that is, litting to make others happy. When I think how selfishly I've enjoyed myself of individual to great it is to good the glowing neck and cheek, that of the embarrassment accompanying her body seech, which, to his ears was not referred."

"Do you really mean it? Then I applied your resolution. Will you be a missionary, or work as Nance does in the great cities."

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"He looked sideways at her, to see whe, ther she were smiling, but she turned her head as if to avoid his eyes, hough he fancied she blushed.

"Well, that deepnds. To begin with, I shall devote my energies to the interests of the new society whith we are founding. In other words, Miss Mondow and who wongiet seek upon occasions, and who wongiets seek upon occasio Mobinson, quantity of canned fruit;
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Two Irishmen were discussing the death of a friend.
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"Sure, Casey was a good fellow."
"He was that," replied Mike. "A good fellow, Casey."
"And a cheerful man was Casey," said

Pat.

"A cheerful man was Casey, the cheerfulest I ever knew," echoed Mike.

"Casey was a generous man, too," said

"Casey was a generous man, too," said Pat.

"Generous, you say? Well, I don't know so much about that. Did Casey ever buy you anything?"

"Well, nearly," replied Mike, scratching his head. "One day he came into Flaherty's bar-room, where me and my friends were drinking, and he said to us: Well, men, what are we going to have—rain or snow'?"— Washington Post.

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