The hotel was certainly gigantic, but in all its bulk looming up in the darkness the man and the woman sitting on the piazza could discern only two human beings them-

'You haven't been experimenting with anything, have you?' demanded the woman, sapping one foot nervously upon the floor of the pizza.

'Huh?' said the man.

'But,' insisted the woman desperately, "if we're not ghosts, where are the people?

The man got up and looked about nim. Rows of electric lights stretched down the pizza away and away into the distance till they seemed to tunnel into the darkness of the night at the far end. Upon the pizza opened the windows of brilliantly lighted parlors, writing rooms, reading rooms reception rooms, and all the other conveniences of a big summer hotel. Other large patches of light showed where great doors were thrown open, giving admittance to broad corridors and wide stairways. Long rows of big. comfortable a mchairs and rockers stood along the pizza waiting for people to curl themselves up in them and roothe thamselves with idleness. Somewhere near by an orchestra was playing with dash and vim. Only guests were lacking to give brilliancy to the seene. But there was not a human being in sight. 'Huh!' said the man, with growling perplexity in his voice.

'Do say something else,' exclaimed the woman petu'antly. 'The idea of being leit alone in a sleeping beauty sort of enchanted summer hotel with a man who can say nothing else but 'huh'!'

The man stretched himself and then turned around with determination and decision in his manner.

'Tm going to supper,' he said, and the woman followed meekly.

They had arrived at the hotel that aftermoon. From a distance it seemed gigantic, and as they drew nearer it grew and grew until it seemed to be the biggest hotel in the world. Its front stretched in long perspective down the street; its height rose story upon s'ory, and countless 'Ls' and wings and additions grew out of it, Flags were flu'tering gayly from the turrets that surmounted it, the long rows of windows stood open to the sunshine and the fresh air, and great beds of flowers blocmed in front of it.

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stood open to the sunshine and the fresh six, and great beds of flowers bloomed in front of it.

"What a big place it is!" the woman exclaimed. 'What on earth shall I do for something to wear this evening. Isn't there any way of getting our trunks?" They had driven over on a buckboard, and their trunks were to follow in the r. undabout track of the steamer. Having a soul above dress the man was secretly pleased at the prospec.

'Shant be able to dress,' he said with a chuckle. 'Any way,' he added consolingly,' the people will understandjour position, and we're not going to stay.'

'But,' moaned the woman, 'there's not a soul in sight! They're all up in their rooms dressing thems. Ives for dinner Or perhaps it's a hop night, and we'll be disgraced!'

'No-o,' vaid the man. 'I don't think it can be as bad as that. I used to come here twenty years ago and I knew the ways of the place. They're probably all away on excursions or out fishing, and when they get back they won't have time to dress. Bo, "struggling against his private convictions on the subject,' we're all right.'

Whatever the explanation of the absence of the people might be, it seemed to cover the porters, bell boys, clerks, and other employees of the hotel. No one ran down the steps eagerly to greet them and the woman when, picking up their traps, they wandered through row and the subject, and the way of the proving man. Finally they came to the office, a room that seemed as big in its emptiness as an ordinary house. The register was there and the gong ready to be clanged by the ol rk; the cigar counter with the little red lamp burning along-side, and the case of souvenir spoons and chaep jiewley; and all the other appurtented the said she wounted the head.

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The head waiter.

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It was big enough

register was there and the gong ready to be clanged by the cl rk; the cigar counter with the little red lamp burning alongside, and the case of souvenir spoons and cheap jawelry; and all the other appurtenances of a hotel office, except the clerk himself. It was a study of still life exclusively.

The sound of f otsteps loosened the spell a little, for a c'ork appeared, stared at them in surprise for a moment, and then set the mechanism of the botel in motion so far as sending them to rooms is concerned. In the elevator going up the subject of dress continued to worry the woman.

'That clerk certainly looked at us in a curious manner, she said. 'Just as if he thought of putting us out because we weren't good enough.'

So she had done as much for her toilet as two gripsacks would permit, and had come down stairs with her heart steeled to meet the supercilious, disapproving looks of the other women in full dress. But she had found none to dispute with her the glyry of being the best-dressed woman in sight, and so by a natural transition had passed from the dressing theory to the ghost hypothesis to account for the desertion around her.

As they entered the hotel office on their way te the dining room they saw that a great change had taken place since their previous visit. A clerk stood behind the deak, another seemed busy over his books, a row of uniformed bell boys sat on a bench, and the eyes of all were turned full upon the man and the woman.

"It's worne than ghosts," whispered the woman.

"Why do they glare so at us?"

The words produced an unexpected result. The clerk banged the bell, the row of bell boys jumped up as one to show the way, an orchestra burst into action with a creash, and an ancient, melancholy head head waiter in rusty black habiliments threw open great doubled doors and usbered them into the dining room. If the hotel had seemed bigger it looked as if it tought to be measured by the acre rather than by ordinary standards. Great electric lights blazed, the table linen glistened, the silver and glass sparkled, pleasantiaced waitresses, with ruddy checks fresh from farm life and attired in crisp white dresses, howered about; the orchestra thundered and sighed and rippled and triumphed in a gallery; but otherwise the room was empty. There were to be had white, flaky codfish, just out of the ses, and fried to a delicate brown; purple blueberry cake that melted in the mouth, and all the other delicacies that the country offers to visitors. But the solitude was much for the appetite of the mn and the woman.

"The room's too big," said the man finally, pushing away his plate half filled 'It takes away my appetite. Let's get out.'

They got up. At this the waitresses gathered in a group and whispered. The ancient head waiter approached them with an anxions face. The orchestra slowed up and a white-gowned figure came hurrying from the kitchen.

"Was anything wrong?" she asked breathlessly.

'Would you like something else cooked?'

him.

'I'm the livery man,' said one. 'If you'd like to go driving, I'll be glad to let you have the best turn-out at quarter price, because we're not very busy just now.'

'I'm the hoatman,' said another, 'and as all my boats are not engaged, I can let you have one cheap if you would like to go sailing.

you may be glad to know that I'm selling off at a sacrifice.' off at a sacrifice.'

The man thanked them and went out upon the piszza. The orchestra seemed to follow them from the dining room, and wailed and sobbed and groaned in the drawing room, behind them. Somehow the night seemed less vast than that great empty dining room.

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'What a place for ghosts this would be!'

What a place for ghosts this would be!' said the woman, returning to her theory. 'Now,' said the man mournfully, 'when I was here last this piazzi was packed with the prettiestgirls and the finest fellows you ever saw.'

'May be they're ghosts about us now,' said the woman with a shiver.

'If they are ghosts,' returned the man, 'I don't blame them for wanting to come back when I think of the gay-times we used to have he'e; but as for human beings...'

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It was so still and lonely and big that almost any noise was capable of seeming uncany. They could hear in the darkness a rustling, shuffling, wheezing sound. Out from the shadows somewhere came a call of 'Lady! lady!' and then they saw emerge from the darkness into the light the ancient head waiter.

'Would the lady like to see the ballroom !' he asked.

'Are there any people in it !' asked the man in return. 'Live ones, I mean.'

The head waiter led the way down the long piszz and, unlocked a door, turned on a bisze of electric lights.

'It's the largest ballroom in the States,' he said with a sigh.

It was big enough to play baseball in. Arounds the sides chairs were arranged for the dancers, the floor was waxed so that it abona like a mirror, and on the stage were the piano and racks for the musicians.

'Says,' said the man, 'where are all the people!'

'This hotel,' said the old man solemnly,

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to say,' replied the young man. 'You and your wife are the only guests in the hotel.

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'Oh,' said the man. 'Have you been long in the business?'

'No,' replied the manager. 'I'm an architect in Boston by profession, and I thought I'd try this way of passing the aummer.'

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'Not at all,' replied the manager. 'I hope you have received all proper attention and that your stay his been agreeable.'

'I'm not used to having a whole hotel to myself,' replied the guest.

'I think,' said the manager, that I have read somewhere that when the King of Spain lodges in the Eccural he has his choice of 365 rooms. You might have had your choice of double that number merely by mentioning your desire.'

'Don't think for a moment,' exclaimed the guest, 'that I am complaining about—'

'Certainly not,' interrupted the manager with a bow. 'I chose my words badly if they conveyed the impression that I thought that you were unreasonably discontented.

No. my thought was rather that your remark again illustrated the truth that true contentment does not necessarily abide in great palaces or lonely splendor.'

Then the man paid his bill and, with the woman, departed.

ITALY'S FUIURE RULER

people?"

'This hotel,' said the old man solemnly, 'has rooms for 700 people.'

'I sn't there anybody in them?' asked the man.

'I've seen the time,' returned the head waiter, sadly, 'when a thousand people have slept here of a night—on the billiard tables, in the halls, on the dinirg room tables—wherever there was space for a mattress.'

'Business doesn't look so good now,' remarked the man.

'Then,' continued the head waiter, 'there is the parlor, which is quite as big as the ballroom. Would the lady like to see it, too?'

'No, thank you,' said the man, 'a bedroom will do. Good night.'

In the morning when the man went down to breakfast he found sitting on the piazza a goodlooking young man with eyemade up their minds early that he should be thoroughly educated for the place he

teresting one.

King Humbert and Queen Margaret made up their minds early that he should be thoroughly educated for the place he was to hold. While a little child he was

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Bad Blood

of the palace with his mother the Queen, in a state carriage, surrounded by servants in gorgeous red livery, while soldiers presented arms and the people cheered. The cheers, it is true, were less for him than for his beautiful mother, for the Prince is no beauty, and never had a child's natural grace, even when he smiled. He has the marked chin and prominent under lip characteristic of King Humbert and King Victor Emmanuel, while the upper part of his face shows the regular features of his mother. When he was a per part of his mother. When he was a boy the difference was very noticeable, but with age the features have grown more harmonious. While his wife and son at-tended to the proper representation of royalty, King Humbert himself who hates court and ceremony, would slip out by a side door, and drive about the city, at-

the door, and drive about the city, attended by a single servant in plain clothes.

The Prince was never popular as a boy.

He always showed in his gestures and manners the stiffness and restraint of a child that it contests a straint of a child that it can be

Princess Helene of Montenegro is Chosen Bridgeroom.

Now that the Prince of Naples, hair to the throne of Italy, has brought his long unuccessful quest for a wife to a happy end by inducing the Princess Helene of Montenegro to accept him, the French press, recognizing that the engagement is due to Russian influences, is gracefully adapting itself to the altered condition of affairs and adopting a more moderate tone toward the Prince and toward Italy. It seems ready to forgive him for the seemingly unpardonable sin of attending the Kaiser's military man ceuvres in Alsace to the engagement, strange as it seems, though skepticism was amply justified when the first rumors of it were heard, by the repeated false alarms about the Prince's engagement to nearly every marriageable virtues in Evence in Evence in Evence in Evence in Evence of improved their compared to the throne by Saxe-Coburg fathers like the Prince's engagement to nearly every marriageable virtues in Evence in Evene in Evence in Eve

though ekepticism was amply justified when the first rumors of it were heard, by the repeated false alarms about the Prince's engagement to nearly every marriageable princess in Europe, Protestant and Catholic. The little Queen of Holland seems to be the only one whom the Prince has left untried. The marriage will connect the Montenegrin house for the first time with the old established royal houses of Western Europe, and will add splendor to the coming celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Danilovitch family's acquiring the chieftainship on the Black Mountain. The branch of the House of Savoy, now reigning in Italy, has often taken wives from tamilies that were not royal. The present Duke of Aosta, the next in succession to the throne, is the son of a Piedmontese nobleman's daughter. Princess Helene is described as being tall and strikingly beautiful. She will bring a new train of blood into the dynasties of Western Europe.

To Czır Nicholas II. is given the credit of bringing about the union. The story is told that at the Moscow coronation he chaffed the Prince of Naples on his being still a bachelor, and called his attention to the be bauitful daughters of Russia's Montengrin ally. An immediate result of the alliance, it is asserted, will be the release of the Italian prisoners held by Emperr Menelik of Abyssinis through the mediation of Russia. In France much importance is given to the reports of Italy's closer connection with Russia, and to the hopes in consequence of her looseening the ties that bind her to the Triple Alliance. The

'I used to find time hanging heavily on my hands, but I don't now. The days seem to fly.'
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