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But as for Mdlle. Marthe and me, we are old comrades already. To begin with, at 11.80 this morning she fell into my arms."

"My daughter in your arms!"
"Do not start, Madame. Mdlle. Marthe will see that you are startled."

And in fact Marthe was closely following

this scene with her eyes, between her halfshut eyelids, and she said to berself:

"What is he telling Mamma? She has to hold on to his arms to prevent her-

self from jumpin up."

"Yes, Madame, in my arms! By the greatest piece of good luck—the most fortunate of chances—we ran against each other on one of the gangways. And since then I have seen her, not in the deceptive light of the theatre or museum, but in the bright sunchine, at lunch, cracking nuts with the prettiest teeth imaginable, and I have seen her just now in the moonlight and I know that she skates, and I know that she can swim, and I know that she would like a brougham of pearl gray-and have it she shall! And now I am admirting her in this subdued light. Revishing! Is she not ravishing!"

"Monsieur, a mother was never Jet in

such-"

"In such a situation! I recognize the fact, Madam, and that is just why we must get out of the situation as quickly as possible, as it is clear it can not be prolonged."

"That is very true." "Here is what I propose. You will

stay at the Hotel de Noailles; so shall I, of course. You will have all to-morrow morning for a talk with Mdlle. Marthe, and the telephone for a talk with M. Derame. You know who I am, you have seen me, too, in the daylight. I have spoken—I have spoken a great deal—you and Mdlle. Derame have been able to form a good idea of what I was and what I thought. Now, at what o'clock do you

breakfast to-morrow?"
"But I can not tell—I assure you monsicur, that I am stilled—upset—prostrated!" "Still, let us name an hour. Eleven? Will eleven suit you?"

U yon wish it."

"Very well then. At 11 o'clock I shall be in the dining room of the hotel. you tell me to:go, I will go—if you hid me remain I shall remain. Give me no answer now; take time for considerationit is just as well to do that. I shall hope to see you to morrow at 11."

In the morning there were some very in-teresting communications by telephone be-

tween Paris and Marseilles.

When Alme Derame entered the dining room of the hotel at 11 o'clock, Raoul came up to her at once. The chasseur: ever precise in his maneuvres, had taken Mdlle. Martho under his charge. There was a brief interchange of conversation between Raoul and mademe, who was 'much moved.

"I am told, monaicur, that there are

steamers every fortnight between Inda-China and Marseilles. You might perhaps put off your departure-say until the next steamer !"

"Oh, thanks, madame! Thank yu!" At 2 o'clock the Derames and Raoul accompanied Maurice to the steamer. the bridge Raoul said to his friend:

Now you quite understand, you are to be my best man! As soon as you have reported yourself, ask your colonel at once for leave of absence. I think it will be in about six weeks."

Raoul was mistaken. It was certainly a marriage by express-five weeks sufficed. As they were ascending the steps of the Madeleipe, Raoul said to Marthe:
"Noon!"

"What are you thinking of?"

"Nay; what are you thinking of?" "Noon ?-that was about the time in the gangway, was it not?"

"You have guessed it."

They broke into a laugh, but soon looked serious again, and entered the church inan irrepronchable manner.

They were scanned with much curiosity, and in different parts of the church the spectators were making their comments.
"It is a love match, you know!" "Yes,

it seems they met in a railway train."
"Quick as a flash of lightning." "Quite
a charming affair." 'And so uncommon,
too!" "Yes—so uncommon!" "A love match-a regular love match'l"