50,000 FRANCS

(By Janet Grant.)

looking out at the hoary towers of the Abbey without seeing them or in summer also.

It is hot there, certainly; but there life passing before his restless gaze. In his hand he crushed a postal tele-graph slip, which he presently smoothed out again and passed to his friend.
"Read it," he said laconically.

"Paterfamilias, Frances, and I will be at the Langham this evening. "Beatrice."

His companion glanced about the room; it was deserted by all save these two American young men.

"See here, David," he said, with selfish frankness, "I am not blind to your fancy for Betty, and I would gladly help you to her good graces. But, candidly, if the little girl should take a fancy to you, there would be trouble in the family. Much as father likes you, he has other ideas with regard to his younger daughter's set-tlement in life; while my widowed sister, Mrs. Schuyler, is bent upon making a brilliant match for Betty. You will find small comfort in linger-

Farrand's face was a curious study. His usually swarthy cheek flushed a red, and he threw back his with a pride equal to that of the millionaire, Robert Downing, Sr.
"Better come with me to Paris,"

wish to go by way of Dieppe.

"Then I will meet you at the train

So saying, Farrand strode from the room. Downing wrote a business letter at the desk in the embrasure of e window, and presently went out to make his preparations for the jour- pedition. nev. Thus it happened that Miss Beatrice Downing received no word from her brother until a week later. for her at the Langham a box of Mar- out of the Langham Hotel.

echal Neil roses, with the visiting card of Mr. David Farrand; and upon that the order had been forwarded

If young Robert Downing's princi-pal aim in life was to kill time, Far-we are to sail for home on Saturday," a poor boy he found employment in the great mercantile house of Downing & Company, and by his talents and application had risen to a position of trust and responsibility. By reading and observation, he had addred to the basis of an education received in a high school course; so that his stock information equalled, that his stock information equalled, flected, with annoyance. if it did not surpass, the acquireyoung men became friends is another but when it was proposed

that David should spend a wellearned vacation abroad with him, Robert Downing, senior, at once gave cried. his confidential clerk an extended absence of leave. all means, David," he said.

"My son is inclined to be reckless and extravagant, but with you as his comrade I know he will not get into riage. any serious trouble.'

if was the recollection of this trust reposed in him, and not mere wounded pride, that had decided Farran to leave London. He would, indeed, have been loath to force himself into the society of the people who regarded him as their social inferior; but so long as Beatrice was gracious to him, he would have braved their disapproval. His heart cried out that Robert had arrived at man's estate, and what he made of life must depend upon his own character. No; end upon his own character. No; of why had do you mean, father?"

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If you ask how to keep immune trom this disease of ugliness, it might not be a bad idea to lay down as primal precept the necessity of minding on the lieved it, all of you?" he demanded, sweeping the group with his eyes, and resting the wist of which she uses a large bottie evistant in the power. The white It was the recollection of this trust reposed in him, and not mere wounded pride, that had decided Farran to plied, grimly, and led the way to the duty bade Farrand go; and whatever 'What do you mear his disappointment, he still proved a queried Mrs. Schuyler.

genial travelling companion. ing the summer; that is, the exclusive society of the Faubourg St. Ger- "Oh, there must—there main, within whose aristocratic precincts foreigners are so seldom received. A few drawing-rooms of the American coterie were, however, him to unsay the words. The revelstill open. Thus it happened that the two young men were bidden to an evening reception given by a wealthy family from the United States, who family from the United States, who had long made the French capitol the made the French capitol the me. Having paid their respects to their hostess, Farrand and some said to have been engaged in a political intrigue, and found it best to leave France."

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Suddenly the eyes of the latter became riveted upon a group nearby—the centre of attraction being a piquant and coquettish beauty.

"By Jove, David, did anyone ever

The hostess moved toward them.

"I see gentlemen, that you have already fallen under the spell of my beautiful Russian cuest." she faid

a turn through the rooms and get her to teach my son a lesson.

an ice.

From that moment Downing was lost a lover. I always told you it the willing slave of the Countess; was sour fortune he sought," said

of spending the summer in Paris, and she flitted away to the Riveria. Both Robert and Farrand were suddenly seized with a wish to see the Riveria Downing. "Yet, I admit, I never was dulgent critic will give us the thread which guides faithfulfully from a

are the enchanting flowers, and the blue Mediterranean, whose crested waves gleam in the sunshine.

Here the two Americans found the.

"I am as proud as your father." poured for him.
answered Farrand, laconically; "and the countess is very beautiful. You he said. "Our visitor is David Fardo not, I presunte, object to my paying her the tribute of my admiration?"

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With the gay restlessness natural to her temperament, the Countess Schouloff sought excit ment at the gaming tables of Monte Carlo. Downing became more infatuated than ever. Her eagerness was so charming, her play so absurd until he taught her. She lost her gold pieces with such pretty lamenting; and when she won, her glee was almost childlike. It is true, he loaned her large sums to play with, and played recklessly himself. Once Farrand warned him that he had almost exhausted his letter of credit but he paid no heed. One evening David almost dragged him away from the tables; only the argued Robert.

"Well, I will," suddenly rejoined David, to his friend's surprise. "You wish to go by way of Dieppe."

"Hetter come with me to Paris," and courteous as he had against a stoll was head courteous as he had against a stoll was libraried and stoll was libraried an hour, made him willing to leave. He

tour in the North, to hear again our own language spoken on every side!" About the same time there was left observed the young girl as they came

inquiry of the messenger, she learned spend the winter on the Continent. you—"
that the order had been forwarded You have seen nothing of Europe so—Robert ciety yet, my dear."

ran at least deserved a holiday. As returned Betty. "If Robert would "You say that you placed the more a poor boy he found employment in only join us! How strange it is — at our bankers here in London?"

The ladies had seated themselves in Mr. Downing was visibly embar- editor of the World certainly deserves ments of Robert, who had gone their waiting carriage, and had directed the coachman to drive to a fashionable Bond street sddress, when their waiting carriage, and had dir- rassed. ected the coachman to drive to a "How troubled he looks!

Something is wrong!" He saw her and waved his hand. Mrs. Schuyler countermanded the order to the driver, and alighted. Betty had already sprung from the car-

"What has happened, father?" she asked, as he came up.

"Only this: Robert's travelling

"All Paris goes to the country dur- companion, David Farrand, has prov-"Oh, there must-there must be some mistake!"

ly from the United States, who despatch is lengthy. Robert says long made the French capitol that, after repeated losses at Monte background surveying the brilliant whom they met at a reception in Paris. Rumors of the boy's infatua-

Mrs. Schuyler glanced at the white

floor. She flashed him a smile; and couple are, no doubt, pursuing their then, ignoring her other cavaliers, in-genuously asked Downing to take her Still, the sum is not too much to pay

so deceived in anyone. I am eager to which guides faithfulfully from a get home to set an expert accountant labyrinth of langour.

ands of dollars.' Having thus dismissed the discus-

tea which his elder daughter had just to do good work under such condi-

Betty uttered a faint exclamatian; a tray to the floor and was shattered.

Mr. Downing reflected a moment: they thought he wished they would.

"Possibly Mr. Farrand does not when he scowled they didn't run know that his duplicity has been discovered; it may be he hopes to avert or afraid of him, but they kept away from him and he lived for awhile in suspicion by coming here thus boldly. We will hear what he has to say."

words were a surprise to all.

had won fifty thousand francs.

'Clearly my presence here is unlooked for, Mr. Downing," he said, looked for, Mr. Downing," he said, save himself.

It was a pleasant September morning in London, and Miss Beatrice it would be so unwelcome. I have looked for, Mrs. Schuy
Downing and her sister, Mrs. Schuy
Called to tell you of what, in fidelity sons thus laballed. It wouldn't be worth counting are of the kin you fair however to do so and hesides may then claim. Downing and her sister, Mrs. Schuy- called to tell you of what, in fidelity sons thus labalied. It wouldn't be worth counting at of the kin you ler, were bound upon a shopping exto the trust you put in me, I have fair, however, to do so, and, besides, may then claim.

There are reasons why you then warrecable it is, after our long placed with the bankers of your son al." Let us be satisfied with this; shouldn't be a pessimist, but the Robert a sum of money which I took charge of to prevent him from leaving himself penniless. I will not fault with everything which put him this, shouldn't be a pessimist, but the principle one is that you'll be pretty badly knocked by this cold and cuting himself penniless. I will not fault with everything which put him ting world, if you are.—The Republic. force business matters upon the ladies to a little extra effort. He rebel-

> him in blank amazement. "You say that you placed the money course. It was hard, but he was Thomas Eclectric Oil used internally

"But, young man, where is your wife?" he queried.

"Then how do you account for all you ask him, when he looks so down-this?" cried the old gentleman, tak-cast, he tells you that he isn't down-of the court perfumers. The fact ing from his pocket book Robert's cast, and gets worked up over your is that this perfume is a compound

"And you believed this?—you be- whether your anachronism reforms or particularly fond of eau de Colonge,

I was wrong to render myself liable tivation of traits that hurt a fellow; gathered in an unknown forest by wo-I was wrong to render myself liable to such a charge. But I left a note for Robert explaining that I was acting in his own interests. With it I left a thousand francs. I cannot understand how it is that he did not derstand how it is that he did not something about being governed "by something about being governed" by a cardon of soldiers. It is even whispered that the actual essence is prepared by the queen's own discover the packet."
"But the Countess?" inquired Mrs.

chuyler.

'Not until I was crossing the Chan- looked toward the girl. Her smile of triple essence of jasmine, and white nel did I learn that the Countess had entreaty said plainly: "Banish resent- heliotrope. hurriedly left the Riveria for Italy. ment for my sake." She was said to have been engaged

"And is she really a countess?" sasked Mr. Downing.
"She belongs to the pseudo-nobility

CHEERFULNESS

One finds very often that one's zeal to do good, and attempt to amuse are bare of result. And it's mean; outing but his father and sister must needs be seized with a longing for foreign travel also, and now they arrive in London with amiable purpose of giving him a delightful surprise!"

Robert Downing stood at the window of the long drawing-room of the Westminster Palace Hotel, moodily ooking out the charming Russian almost as persistently as his friend.

But the Countess had no intention of spending the summer in Paris, and the flitted away to the Riveria. Both replied with dignity. "Mr. Farrand was free to choose a wife where it pleased him. It cannot believe that he is a dishon-to of spending the summer in Paris, and the flitted away to the Riveria. Both replied with dignity. "Mr. Farrand was free to choose a wife where it pleased him. It cannot believe that he is a dishon-to of spending the summer in Paris, and the flitted away to the Riveria. Both replied with dignity. "Mr. Farrand was free to choose a wife where it pleased him. It cannot believe that he is a dishon-to of spending the summer in Paris, and the flitted away to the Riveria. Both replied with dignity. "Mr. Farrand was free to choose a wife where it pleased him. It cannot believe that he is a dishon-to of spending the summer in Paris, and the flitted away to the Riveria. Both replied with dignity. "Mr. Farrand was free to choose a wife where it pleased him. It cannot believe that he is a dishon-to of spending the summer in Paris, and the flitted away to the Riveria. Both replied with dignity are backward in giving advice, Frances," she replied with dignity. "Mr. Farrand was free to choose a wife where it pleased him. It cannot believe that he is a dishon-to of spending the summer in Paris, and the flitted away to the Riveria. Both replied that we have missed our aim. It spells not failure, which is bad, but of placeness, which is very present, never ending to the country of the how have mever been backward in giving advice, Frances," she replied that we have missed our aim. It spells not failure that the backward in giving advice, Frances, and th

to go over the books of my firm; the man may have defrauded us of thous-proceed. We hope we have begun Probably not so barren will be the be at the Langham this evening.

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Tounded by American and English ladies, who pronounced her charming, and prophesied that she would not long remain a widow, though it was understood that her marital experience had not been happy. She had not been happy she had not been happy. She had not been happy s discussion asked for. At least a perbaying farrand smilingly read the message and then coolly put the scrap of paper into his pocket.

Robert continued bluntly:
"Well, little sister, much as I would be pleased to see your pretty face, I have no mind to play the cicerone for your sake. Luckily, this message was forwarded through my bankers. Betty, dear girl, does not know that I am in London, and I won't be to-morrow."
"Surely you will not run away from your people!" protested Farrand.

Robert regarded his companion with a quizzical frown.
"Humph! stay in town if you will, old boy," he said, "but be prepared to make a round of pilgrimages to the Tower, the site of Tyburn, and the like localities. Betty is an enthusiast upon the subject of the English and the like localities. Betty is an enthusiast upon the subject of the English and the lady whose colors he wears.

In a proud as your father."

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In a proud as your father. The port of the looked undearnate as a knight errant ready to undertake an task to win the favor of the lady whose colors he wears.

In the province had not been happy. She had heard of Downing's prospective millions that she appeared to regard have does hat here do Downing's prospective millions that she appeared to regard have not believe that he loved her, a derical freigh of ours said some-tow he had farried the beautiful countess." He had been false to her brother also; but was indeed shattered. David Farrand had heard of Downing's prospective millions that she appeared to regard in with especial reason except that was indeed shattered. David favor a check the love of the beautiful countess." He had been false to her brother also; the was interest to regard the manner, had given her all gi Poured for him. tions. He looked for trouble, a "Confound the fellow's bravado!" strange to say, he found what tions. He looked for trouble, and, looked for. Then he portrayed his

sentiments in the glare with which he greeted everybody; scowled, muttered dainty bit of china fell from the tea things to himself, and all that, with the result that people took him as Mr. Downing reflected a moment: they thought he wished they would. suspicion by coming here thus boldly. We will hear what he has to say."

He exchanged a glance with Mrs. Schuyler. It was evident that she shared his opinion.

"Say to the guest that the ladies and I will be happy to receive him," he said, with an irony that was only understood by Frances and Beatrice.

A few minutes later David Farrand entered the room—David Farrand in a rubber ball thrown vigorously.

Irom him and he lived for awhile in as triumphant, a loneliness as De Foe's York mariner did, without the necessity of a barren island. His life was one continual growl, until one day the manager of the office happened to be in his presence when he spit out his spiteful spleen, and saw him go through his antics. The effect was marvellous. You've seen a rubber ball thrown vigorously ness with a smile and to dissolve entered the room—David Farrand, in a rubber ball thrown vigorously ness with a smile, and to dissolve manner frank and courteous as he had against a stone wall rebound; well otherwise insoluble hardships with

thought he'd better kick less, and he any more than was the next man. did. He reformed just in time to Just do your best by accepting the

out of the Langham Hotel.

"Yes," assented Mrs. Schuyler; but if you will give me an opportunibut I wish father would decide to ity of explaining the matter to spend the winter on the Continent. you—"

"By Medicine Life May be Prolonging the matter to about him as it must have been to three hundred years ago. It is so Robert Downing, senior, stared at himself. Then a change came. Josto-day. Medicine will prolong life, eph Pulitser saw himself as others but be sure of the qualities of the determined, and what he lacked in will cure coughs and colds, eradicate

that description. "Let's have done with example." Of what use is it further to pursue, Betty caught sight of Robert Downing, senior, coming quickly down Portland Place towards the hotel.

Francis there is father!" she wife." But he answered quietly: "When obviously, it you is the admit the truth of the charge. You can see the sort of the woman whom I hope to make my chap I am talking about if you but been in use in the royal family since Farrand's glance sought Beatrice. When obviously, if you're reasonable "You know, Mr. Downing, that I walk "a hundred yards." He looks the year 1829. The recipe is supposas though he didn't mean it and if ed to be secret, and to be handed ing from his pocket book Robert's telegraph message, and handing it to Farrand.

As David read his face grew white and stern.

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something about being governed "by hands. The princess of Roumania is far simpler in her tastes, and uses

"Sir, Miss Downing's confidence in less than \$10,000 a year on scents, appearances were against me." the flowers being especially grown Robert arrived at the Langham the for her at Gresse, in the South of

who pose for the henefit of the Americans and English who travel on the Continent." was the reply. "By birth she is French, not Russian, Save want at his lodgings made off with extremely fond. The violets are gathfor her passion of gaming, her con- the gold pieces. Robert was shame- ered between the hours of 5 and 7 "By Jove, David, did anyone ever see a more beautiful woman! What grace! How gloriously that wealth of red-gold hair frames her delicate face! What fine eyes!" we are scarcely near enough to see the color of her eyes," said Ferrand. But his sarcasm was lost upon Robert.

The hostess moved toward them.

"I see gentlemen, that you have already fallen under the spell of my long and find that you have cruelly making a social position for himself." She gentlemen, that you have already fallen under the spell of my long and the plans of her sister, and the sight angered her, even as the girl's exclasion of his friend; there were hot words between the young men, and they met but once while the particle matcher as the tables, and Robert squandered his find they men to the words between the young men, and they met but once while the particle matcher as the that at that time their perfume the towards between the young men, and they met but once while the particle matcher as the they are taken to the imperial pharmacy to be tested, but their manuality was concerned in political matters, I faced enough because of his hasty accusation of his friend; there were hot words between the young men, and they met but once while the particle was concerned in an attempt to help her. I was eager to get him day, because, having heard that she was concerned in political matters, I faced enough because of his hasty accusation of his friend; there were delicate. When the cash the tables, and Robert squandered his to words between the young men, and they met but once while the particle was concerned in an attempt to help her. I was eager to get him day, because, having heard that she was concerned in political matterny and they men that the their perfume the tables, and Robert squandered his to words between the young men, and they met but once while the particle when the cash her that at that time their perfume the tables, and Robert squandered his to words between the young men, and they met but once while the particle when the cash of hi duct was irreproachable; but she was faced enough because of his hasty ac- in the evening, as her Majesty has an

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