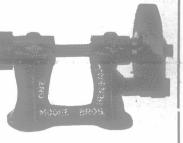
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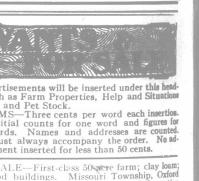
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you. But Tibe and I didn't come here to be played with. You're giving us a very good lunch, but I have his future and mine to think of. I admit, I'm in want of an engagement as a traveling companion to ladies in Holland; but you aren't the only person to whom it occurs to put ads. in Dutch papers. If you'd searched the columns of Het Nieus van den Dag you might have seen mine. I have not been without answers, and I don't know that I should care to be an aunt, anyway. ' It makes one seem so old. What I came to say was that, unless you can offer me an immediate en-

gagement-'' "Oh, I can and do. I beg of you to be my aunt from this moment.'

"Tibe to travel with me and have every comfort ?"

"Yes, yes, and luxury."

"A pint of warm milk every morning, half a pound of best beef or chicken with vegetables at noon, two new-laid eggs at-"

"Certainly. He has but to choosehe seems to know his own mind pretty well."

"I don't think it a subject for joking. That duck was close to the edge of the table. We'd better talk business. Your letter said a hundred gulden a week to a suitable aunt, and a two months' engagement certain. Well, it's not enough. I should want at least three hundred dollars extra, down in advance (I can't do it in gulden in my head) for your sake."

"For my sake?"

"Don't you see, to do you credit as a relative, I must have things, nice things, plenty of nice things? Tartan blouses, and if not Tams, cairngorms. Yes, a cairngorm brooch would be realistic. I saw a beauty yesterdayonly two hundred gulden. No aunt of yours can go for a trip on the waterways of Holland unless she's well fitted out

"I've been admiring the dress you are wearing. It's wonderfully trim."

"Thanks. But it happens to be about a hundred years old, and is the only one I have left. As for my hat, and boots-but Tibe and I have suffered some undeserved vicissitudes of late.'

"I'm sorry to hear that. Of course you must have three hundred dollars to begin with."

"By the way, am I Mrs. or Miss ?" "You must know best as to-"

"I mean in the part of your aunt."

"Really !" "Oh, you're neither Miss nor Mrs." "I mean you're married, but you have

a title. "That will come more expensive. A

person of title should have a diamond guard for her wedding-ring. You feel that, don't you ?"

"Now you speak of it, I do." "Would you like her to wear a cap for

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"Mine's a proper Scotch aunt, and she doesn't." She's about forty, but she looks twenty-five. Nobody would believe she was anybody's aunt."

"But you want everybody to believe I'm yours ?''

"Oh, have a cap by all means."

"It should be real lace."

"Buy it." "And another to change with."

"Buy that too. Get a dozen if you like."

"Thanks. I will. I believe you said the engagement dates from to-day ?" "Rather. I was going to tell you, I must have an aunt by this evening. She arrives from Scotland, you know.

"With her dog. That's easy." "I hope the girls like dogs."

"They do if they are nice girls."

"They're enchanting girls, one English, one American. I adore both: that's why I'm a desperate man where an aunt's concerned. 'To produce an aunt is my one hope of enjoying their society on the motor-boat trip I wrote you about. I wouldn't do this thing if I weren't desperate, and even desperate as I am, I wouldn't do it if I couldn't have got an all-right kind of aunt, an aunt that-that-"

"That an unimpeachable American Consul could vouch for. I assure you, Nephew, you ought to think of a woman like me as of-of a ram caught in the bushes.

"I'm willing to think of you in that way, if it's not offending. The Consul didn't go into particulars-"

"That was unnecessary."

"Perhaps. Everything's settled then. I'll count you out five hundred dollars in gulden. Buy what you choose-so long as it's aunt-like. I'll meet your train at-we'll say seven, the Beurs Station."

"I understand. I'll be there with Tibe and our luggage. But you haven't told me your name yet. I signed my letter to you, Mary Milton. You cautiously-

"Ronald L. Starr is your nephew's name. Lady MacNairne is my aunt's." I came very near choking myself with a cherry-stone. Long before this I'd been sure of his name, but I hadn't expected to hear Lady MacNairne's.

"Forty, and looks twenty-five."

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