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## MASTER AND MAN

### A Transformation Scene In Russia

By F. A. MITCHEL

Count Meriwitz died about the time the nihilist movement started in Russia—that movement which led up to the revolution and established the duma. The count left an only son, Dmitri, who had but just come of age and inherited the title and a large fortune from his father. But, while Count Meriwitz had been a loyal subject of the czar, his successor was bent on achieving for the nobles some share in the government.

Dmitri's views became known to his cousin, Ivan Ivanovitch, an unscrupulous man, who in case of Dmitri's removal would become heir to the Meriwitz title and estates. Dmitri was of a trustful nature and confided to Ivan that he was a member of a revolutionary circle, endeavoring to enlist his cousin in the cause of wresting from the czar his autocratic power. Ivan pretended to turn a willing ear to Dmitri's ideas, while he was secretly evolving a plan by which the latter might be sent to Siberia, in which event his citizenship might be taken from him and his estate confiscated.

Ivan, having possessed himself of proof of his cousin's complicity with the nihilists, sent an anonymous communication to the government that he would furnish evidence against a noble of treasonable intent on certain conditions. The plotter stood between the writer and a fortune. If he was convicted and deprived of life or citizenship the informer would expect the government to permit him to succeed to the title and estates instead of their passing to the government.

Ivan's offer was accepted, and he was invited to call upon the chief minister of state. During his visit he gave the name of Count Dmitri Meriwitz as the offender and received the promise he had named—that when his cousin was convicted he should be left in possession of the Meriwitz title and property.

Now, Count Dmitri was very much beloved by those composing his household and his tenants. His valet, Stepan Oblonsky, a man twenty years his senior, who had served the late count, adored him. Stepan was as keen to scent villainy as Dmitri was obtuse to it. Ivan Ivanovitch visited his cousin, and it was in the latter's home that Dmitri endeavored to induce the former to join the nihilists. Stepan overheard a part of the conversation between them and interpreted at a glance, by Ivan's expression, that he was leading the count into a trap.

When Ivan left the Meriwitz home Stepan shadowed him and saw him enter the office of an official who had charge of the secret police for that district. This was quite enough for the servant, and, returning to his master, he told him what he had seen and implored him to flee.

Dmitri, convinced of his cousin's treachery and not relishing banishment to Siberia, availed himself of his valet's advice and, taking Stepan with him, left at once for Germany.

Several years passed, during which Dmitri remained in exile, but this was very different from being in Siberia. Since the government could not get possession of him no proceedings were instituted against him. This was a great disappointment to Ivan Ivanovitch, who had expected to secure Dmitri's estates. Dmitri, having all the money he wanted, lived in Berlin, Paris, London, Rome—anywhere he chose. But one wants what one cannot have, and the exile pined for his home and his people. Stepan was the only person to remind him of his native land. Indeed, Stepan was a great comfort to him, and Dmitri's gratitude to his valet was proportionate to the service he had rendered.

"If it had not been for you, Stepan," Dmitri often said, "I would now be working in the mines of Siberia."

"This is much better, excellency. Content yourself to remain an exile so long as you may live in luxury."

When the revolution came to a head the count could no longer control his desire to return to Russia. But, being proscribed, if he returned and was recognized he would not only be of no use to the cause, but would run the risk of being sent to that dreaded life lived by those who are doomed to work in the mines of Kara.

Stepan for awhile succeeded in persuading his master to remain away from Russia, but at last Dmitri could stand it no longer to see others supporting the cause he approved while he was living a life of ease. Five years had passed since he left Russia



and these years had brought a greater change in him than any other equal period in his life. At his departure from home he was twenty-one years of age, wore no beard, and his hair was thick. Now he was twenty-six, he wore a full beard and mustache, and his hair had receded from his temples and his forehead. Besides this, his former slender figure had filled out.

He determined to assume another name, return to Russia, which by this time had been granted the duma, and take part as a noble of the land in the assembly that had been constituted to make laws for the country. Nevertheless he had been a long while from Russia and was uncertain as to what he would find on his arrival there. To appear there at all would be hazardous.

He decided to take especial precautions till he had had an opportunity to look about him and judge whether he dared risk recognition. He would take Stepan with him, of course. When he informed his servant of his intention and Stepan found that he could not dissuade him the valet proposed that after passing the Russian border, until they were satisfied just how dangerous Russia was for the count, Stepan should play master and Dmitri should play man.

This proposition struck the count favorably, and he made arrangements to carry it out. He procured the clothes of a gentleman for Stepan and provided him with a name and title. He was to be Count Sergius Arkadyevich, and the real count was to be his valet, Peter.

Count Sergius and his valet entered Russia by way of Caucasasia, going by the Black sea to the extreme eastern end of that water.

Now, Stepan's idea of the greatness of a count illustrates the adage "Put a beggar on horseback and he will ride to the devil." Instead of imitating his master's uniform kindness to him, he went to the other extreme. This was because he did not approve of a great personage treating one of a lower station with any forbearance and feared that if he showed consideration for his master their true relative positions would be given away.

No sooner had they set sail from Constantinople than Stepan became seasick. Dmitri was a good sailor and was able to wait on his supposed master. Whether it was that seasickness makes one careless as to what happens or Stepan's ability to play his role properly was marred by mal de mer, he ordered his valet about, directing him to do all manner of menial services not only imperatively, but with curses for his remissness.

On the same vessel with this false count and false valet were a couple of American globe trotters who, having tired of civilized lands, were striking out in paths usually unfrequented by tourists. They were going to what was then St. Petersburg by the same roundabout way as Count Sergius Arkadyevich and his valet. The Americans were a Mrs. Henderson of Chicago and her daughter, Jaquelin.

When the ship began to pitch and the spurious count sank upon a sofa in the cabin and began to abuse his supposed valet Miss Jaquelin's ideas of a proper consideration of servants by masters received a shock. All those who were sick were calling "Steward!" and the young lady, pretending to mistake the count's valet for a ship's attendant, sent him for a glass of water. The valet, having noticed her favorably, was not slow to respond and devoted himself exclusively to the girl.

During the rest of the voyage there was a struggle between Miss Henderson and Count Sergius for the attentions of the latter's valet. It was, from the count, "Peter, a towel, and be quick about it," and, from Miss Jaquelin, "Steward, I wish you to take me on deck." Peter preferred to attend the lady, who loaded him with tips and other kindnesses, including smiles. She asked him why he remained in the service of such a brute as Count Sergius and offered to ask her mother to give him the position of courier if he would accept it.

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Dmitri said that he was bound to his master by bonds that he could not break. Jaquelin inferred that there was some dark story connected with the service and begged to know what it was. Dmitri, in order to satisfy her, told her that he had been a valet to the count's elder brother, who had tyrannized over him so fearfully that he had killed him. He could not escape his present service without being turned over to justice.

This only added to Jaquelin's interest in the unfortunate man. So fascinated was she with him that she dragged her mother over the same route the count and the valet were travelling. When the two men reached a point near where they were known they suddenly disappeared.

The real count, when he learned that the czar had granted the people a constitution, through a friend made overtures to the government for permission to resume his identity without fear of persecution. He was promised immunity and announced himself a candidate for the duma, to which he was elected.

One day Mrs. Henderson and her daughter visited the duma and saw the valet of their former traveling companion sitting among the members. Great as was their astonishment, it was far greater when they saw Count Sergius Arkadyevich enter dressed as a lackey and respectfully hand his valet his mail.

Miss Jaquelin Henderson was both pleased and miffed at having been imposed upon. Curiosity came in as to why a nobleman was traveling as a valet to his valet. Not willing that the deception should be all on one side, she sent her and her mother's cards to Count Sergius Arkadyevich and waited to see who would appear, the real count or his valet.

Count Dmitri, thinking that it would be good fun to keep up the deception with her, appeared with his supposed master's compliments and an invitation to visit the Arkadyevich manor house.

"Tell your master," said Jaquelin, "that we Americans have been imposed upon too often by bogus European noblemen for me to be thus entrapped."

With this the count laughed and made an explanation. The lady was only appeased when she knew his story.

Later the Hendersons visited the real count and were sumptuously entertained, with the result that Jaquelin became a countess.

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To keep these longitudinal girders, or "stringers," in position there are thwartship girders, which run like hoops around the ship and act like the ribs of a boat. There are generally about eighteen hoop girders, spaced an equal distance, one from another, and they are braced across and across inside each hoop to the next by wire bracing, so that they support the whole skeleton into a succession of compartments, each of which except the end compartments—has flat ends and sixteen sides.

In each of these compartments is a gas bag standing on its edge. The idea is that if one gas bag springs a leak or is punctured by a projectile only that one bag collapses, and the weighting of the ship is so arranged that even if four or five gas bags are entirely deflated those that remain will float the ship after all ballast, ammunition and other nonessentials have been thrown overboard.—London Standard.

### NEW TOO MUCH.

Tennyson's Father Had to Fly For His Life From Russia.

Shortly after the assassination of Emperor Paul of Russia, Tennyson, the father of the poet, dined with Lord St. Helens, the British ambassador, in Moscow. Several Russian officers of high rank whose names he did not know were also guests. During dinner a guarded reference was made to the emperor's death.

"Why do you speak so gingerly about a matter so notorious?" cried Tennyson impulsively, leaning across his neighbor, a Russian whose breast was covered with orders. "We know very well in England that the Emperor Paul was murdered. Count Zoffo knocked him down, and Benninges and Count Pahlen strangled him!"

There was a strained silence; then the ambassador abruptly changed the subject. As the guests filed out into an adjoining room Lord St. Helens drew Tennyson aside. "Don't go into the next room," he whispered, "but fly for your life. The man next you, across whose breast you leaned, was Count Pahlen, and Zoffo was also at the table."

He gave a few hurried directions, and Tennyson rushed off, threw his clothes into a portmanteau and fled behind fast horses to Odessa, still in evening garb, though the cold was intense. He lay hidden for weeks and at last, in the disguise of a servant, was smuggled on board an English frigate.

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